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Cheysson assures Haig

France will remain reliable for NATO

WASHINGTON, June 5 (Agencies) — Claude Cheysson, France's minister of external affairs, told U.S. officials that the new Socialist government of France will remain "a reliable partner in the Atlantic Alliance" and will offer a new "sensitivity" to efforts to bring peace to the Middle East.

Emerging from a two-hour meeting with Secretary of State Alexander Haig, Cheysson told reporters Thursday that the election victory of President Francois Mitterrand last month was "a success for democracy." "I was proud to tell the secretary of state democracy has won a victory in France," Cheysson said. "I mean our people wanted a change. They were able to do it in a democratic manner, in peace with great enthusiasm..."

With Haig at his side, Cheysson said the election change in France does not change his nation's position as "the close allies of the United States."



Claude Cheysson, French minister of external affairs

He said he came to Washington to confirm to the Ronald Reagan administration "that our rule will be international cooperation, open economy, full respect of our commitments." Without being specific, Haig said the meeting was "a far-ranging strategic overview of a number of world hot (trouble) spots and essential issues."

"I must say we were very pleased with these initial discussions which will continue," Haig said. Responding to questions on the

Oman may scrap U.S. bases pact

KUWAIT, June 5 (AFP) — Oman and the United States have decided to scrap their agreement on U.S. military bases in the Sultanate, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al-Anba* reported Friday.

Quoting Arab diplomatic sources in Washington, the newspaper said that the initiative had been taken by Oman, following pressure from its five fellow members in the newly-created Gulf Cooperation Council. The five co-members are Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar.

Middle East, Cheysson said the mission of presidential envoy Philip Habib has been "most helpful." "Without the Habib mission, there could very well have been an open war already now," Cheysson said.

He said the Mitterrand government is bound to the Venice declaration by which France and other nations of its region endorsed the so-called European initiative which calls for inclusion of the Palestine Liberation Organization in future peace negotiations.

But he said while the commitment is clear, the Mitterrand government has in the Middle East "a sensitivity, personal relations, (and) friends which may not be exactly those of the previous government." "And of course, this will give us in the future an approach which will be more comprehensive...to all the states (in the region) than may have been the case in the past," he said. "But we are bound by the Venice declaration," he said. "This is for the time being our rule."

Cheysson and Haig are to meet again Saturday morning.

America manufactures neutron weapon parts

WASHINGTON, July 5 (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy, under orders from Congress, has reportedly begun manufacturing components and allocating resources for a neutron weapon.

DOE officials told the House Armed Services Committee this week that preparation has begun on a new low-yield lance nuclear warhead and that tritium, which would make it a neutron weapon if inserted as a component, is being set aside, *The Washington Post* said in its editions Friday.

Former President Jimmy Carter ordered the halt in 1978 when he deferred production of a neutron weapon after it was greeted by protests from European nations where it primarily would be used.

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Last December Congress ordered the energy department to proceed with building all the parts for neutron weapons and setting aside the necessary nuclear materials, *The Post* quoted an unidentified official at the defense department as saying. The administration is now weighing the international implication before deciding whether to make the two portions of the weapon or keep them separate.

When the new administration came into office, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger said he favored deployment of the weapons in Europe but Secretary of State Alexander Haig said there would be no action on the weapons until America's European allies had been consulted.

Western media

'Reports accurate; speculation wild'

By Tod Robberson
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, June 5 — The Western media reported, accurately, that Pope John Paul II was shot by a gunman May 13 but then began its wild speculation that possibly so-called terrorist Palestinian groups were backing the gunman. When this speculation proved false, the press tried to link the gunman with Islam, as if the second-largest religion in the world somehow caused this man to try to kill the Pope.

Next came the editorials. A good example was one by nationally syndicated columnist Joseph Kraft, who speculated that Islam and terrorism go hand-in-hand. He based his speculation on the idea that the would-be assassin was Muslim, therefore the Islamic religion is responsible for the attempted assassination.

Based on this rationale, it could be assumed that the Christian religion is responsible for the attempted assassination of President Reagan. After all, Reagan's would-be assassin was a Christian. Or, when several people were crushed to death last year in Cincinnati as they waited to enter a rock concert, wouldn't it have been more appropriate for the headlines to read: "Christian Mob Crushes Rock Fans Dead in Cincinnati?"

Christianity had nothing to do with the incident, nor did it have anything to do with the attempt on Reagan's life.

No religion condones the use of violence as a means for solving the world's problems, and there should be no link between any individual act of terrorism and any one religion.

Obviously, only a severe psychological disorder would cause a human being to attempt an assassination. Why should some 700 million peaceful Muslims in the world be linked to the act of one psychologically unstable man?

What made the Western press reports even more abominable was the attempt to link the assassination plot to the Palestinian freedom movement. Rather than fully investigating the truth of the matter — that no Palestinian organization had any link to the plot — the press reported speculation and misinformation.

The press never stopped to recognize the absurdity of the reports. Why would the Palestinians attempt to harm the Pope at a time when they are enjoying close and cordial relations with the Vatican? The Pope has held official visits with Palestine Liberation Organization representatives recently, and he has proclaimed his sympathy for the plight of the Palestinians.

Norwegian admits killing 17 patients

TRONDHEIM, Norway, June 5 (AP) — Arnfinn Nesset, a former manager of a nursing home for sick and old people, has now admitted that he killed 17 aged patients from 1977 to November last year by injecting the deadly poison curacit into their blood veins, the police announced Friday.

At a press conference here, police chief Arne S. Karoliussen of the outer Trondelag county police district said Nesset, 45, has been charged with 19 such killings at Orkdal Alders — Og Sykehjem near Trondheim, and that he has so far admitted 17.

"The motive for these killings seems to be surfacing now. But so far I can't say more," Karoliussen said.

Norway's biggest case of mass killings by poison broke last March when Nesset was arrested and charged with one such killing last November. At first he denied the killing, but admitted having ordered a large supply of curacit for the nursery home. He said he needed it to kill dogs. Three weeks later he admitted killing two patients and last April 14 the police said Nesset had admitted six curacit killings.

Frog fighting puzzles specialists

PEKING, June 5 (AFP) — More than 2,000 frogs were at each other's throats for over two hours in a major pre-dawn battle in which at least 40 died, the English-language *China Daily* reported Friday. The bloody frog-fight broke out among hundreds of frogs in the Huitong district of central China's Hunan province, the paper said.

Specialists, puzzled by the battle, have suggested it could have been over mating selection.

The frog-fight ended when a young boy threw a stone among the amphibians causing them to leap away leaving their dead and wounded behind.

The *China Daily* said some frogs had fought alone, while others had mounted "group assaults."

Experts hint at raising humans on planet

MELBOURNE, June 5 (R) — Frozen human embryos could be sent into space to be reared on a new planet colony, according to a member of Australia's test-tube baby team. The Melbourne team, a world leader in the test-tube baby technique, has already frozen a number of embryos fertilized outside the womb and raised the possibility they could be kept for hundreds of years. Prof. William Walters, associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Melbourne's Monash University, said Thursday the sending of embryos into space would ease the pressure on the

carrying capacity of space vehicles and humans raised on the planet colony might adapt more easily to the new environment.

The team has successfully delivered four test-tube babies after fertilizing a woman's egg in the laboratory and then returning it to the womb. In April it put about a dozen fertilized eggs into a laboratory freezer because conditions were not right for immediate replanting. This has presented the team with the difficult ethical problem of what to do with the unused embryos.

Baghdad conference

Muslims back Lebanon peace

BAGHDAD, June 5 (Agencies) — Islamic foreign ministers meeting here Friday gave their backing to Arab League efforts in bringing peace to Lebanon, a conference spokesman said.

Conference sources said an Arab commission, including Prince Saud Al-Faisal was leaving directly from Baghdad to push ahead with a peace mission at a meeting outside Beirut this weekend. Conference sources said earlier the Islamic ministers planned to set up their own Lebanon peace commission.

But the Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Habib Chatti said it was decided to back an existing commission of the Arab League. The four-country commission which the sources said would meet in the summer resort of Beiteddin near Beirut this weekend also includes Kuwait, Syria and Lebanon.

Chatti told a press conference the Islamic ministers condemned what was described as Israeli aggression against Palestinians in Lebanon and gave their backing to Arab efforts to reconcile the warring parties there.

The conference reasserted its full commitment to the declaration of Jihad (holy struggle) to liberate Holy Jerusalem and reiterated its full support to the Palestinian people and its continued military and material backing to the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In its resolutions adopted Thursday night, the conference decided to move and let the Security Council adopt a new clear-cut resolution on the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people including their rights to self-determination and statehood.

The 38-nation conference also decided to sever all political, cultural, arts, tourism and communications ties with the Zionist entity and called for the acceptance of the PLO representatives in all Islamic capitals as the sole representatives of the Palestinian people with all privileges and immunity.

The ministers expressed the Islamic nations' strong anxiety over the escalation of the Israeli aggressions on the Palestinian people and Arab states. They also expressed their determination to go ahead with resisting normalization of relations between the Egyptian regime and the Zionist entity.

The participant members reaffirmed their full adherence to all the resolutions of the Jerusalem Committee on Palestine and the Holy City. They also agreed to lobby to suspend Israel's membership in the United Nations and vote against the accreditation of the Zionist entity's delegate to the U.N. General Assembly.

The conference condemned the regular Israeli terrorism against the Palestinians and against PLO exercised through Israel's declared annihilation war on the Palestinian camps. The ministers also strongly denounced the U.S. for its continued support to the Israeli enemy.

The conference denounced the Israeli attacks on Lebanon and expressed its concern to preserve independence and integrity of the Lebanese territories. It also called for an immediate and comprehensive cease-fire in Lebanon and urged all disputing factions to observe this obligation. The ministers gave their backing to the Lebanese government in all its efforts to put an end to the deteriorat-

ing security situation in Lebanon and expressed their support to the Arab League follow-up committee to bring peace to Lebanon.

The conference has asked for contributions to the Jerusalem Fund and various institutions Friday, the official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. It said Saudi Arabia had donated \$20 million and Iraq \$6 million to such funds.

The agency quoted Hamed Alwan, Iraq's minister of state for foreign affairs, as saying in a speech at the ministerial meeting that the Jerusalem Committee should be provided with all means to enable it to carry out its task. He said Muslims and Arab citizens in Jerusalem and other Israeli-occupied territories should be helped to "adhere to their land and homes."

Britain to cut N. Sea prices

LONDON, June 5 (R) — Britain will soon cut its North Sea oil price by at least \$2 a barrel in line with a glut in the world market, oil industry officials said Friday.

Most British oil moves at an above-average \$39.25 for a barrel. Export customers include the U.S. and West Germany. A spokesman of British Petroleum (BP) said the state's British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) had offered to cut the price by \$2.

But BP, losing money refining the high-price oil and selling petrol and other products in a sagging market favored a bigger reduction and talks would therefore be held.

A BP executive said in a radio interview that BP, the biggest British oil company, thought the price should come down by \$5 a barrel. But industry sources, who expected negotiations between BNOC and other oil companies to start Monday, said a revenue-bungy treasury and smaller North Sea production favored a more modest reduction.

Speculation on a fall in the UK oil price has already contributed to a decline in the value of the pound sterling on foreign exchange markets, dealers say.

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Italy the main exporter

Furniture firms make headway

By A Staff Writer

JEDDAH, June 5 — The advent of the local industry has cut into the furniture market which is still dominated by Italy. It accounts for 50 per cent of the furniture exports to the Kingdom which were valued at SR129.9 million last year, reports *Saudi Business* in its latest issue, Saturday.

During the same period furniture exports from the United States and Spain registered an increase of 15 per cent and 26 per cent respectively, the magazine reported.

Nearly 30 furniture factories have come up in the Kingdom during the last three years and concentrated mostly in Riyadh, Jeddah and Dammam. They have been catering mainly to the local demand for office and household furniture.

Another trend, the magazine adds, is the revival of period furniture. Both the Italians and Americans are concentrating on this aspect, trying to satisfy the sophisticated tastes of the local market. An important factor contributing to the growth is the rapid

change in the designs of modern furniture which becomes outdated in no time. The more durable classical furniture, therefore, is regarded as a safe buy.

Meanwhile, the Spanish Trade Center is setting up a furniture center in Jeddah. The center, to be spread over an area of 2,000 square meters in Medina Road near the Pepsi Cola plant, will have various sections for house, garden and office furniture, oil paintings and antiques, besides sections for lamps, chandeliers, crockery, porcelains, curtains,

carpets and presentation items like gold ash trays and so forth. The center, estimated to cost SR 50 million, will be inaugurated at Christmas time, the magazine reports.

Quoting Sheikh Suleiman Muhammad Suleiman, president of the Saudi furniture factory, the magazine refers to the government efforts to boost the local furniture industry, which gets 50 per cent loan, besides the grant of land at a nominal rate. The local units are also exempted from the payment of tax for any import, the magazine adds.

Yanbu training plan approved

LONDON, June 5 (SPA) — The board of Yanbu Saudi Arabia Petrochemical Company met here Wednesday and approved an intensive training plan that would ensure a majority of Saudi Arabian personnel when the company starts production.

The board met under Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, the

chairman of the Saudi Arabian basic industries corporation (SABIC). A proposed plan to train Saudi Arabian personnel in the Kingdom and the United States was reviewed at the meeting. The petrochemical complex will be built in Yanbu and is expected to come into operation by 1984.

Meanwhile, Algosabi met with British Minister of State for Trade John Nott. They discussed the possibilities of cooperation in industrial development between the two countries and the scope of British firms' contribution to the industrial program of Saudi Arabia.

Algosabi criticized some of the practices of foreign companies operating in the Kingdom during an international business conference here earlier this week. He had said there were indications that few of these companies are genuinely interested in the industrialization of Saudi Arabia.

Manpower training was a particularly important area which foreign companies chose to neglect, he said. "Foreign companies are on a collision course with the Saudi Arabians unless they maximize their training of local citizens," he warned. "Most foreign firms are, by and large, guilty of this." Some foreign companies have also deliberately introduced inappropriate technology into Saudi Arabia which is totally dependent on high technology needing no labor at all apart from specialist foreign labor, he said.

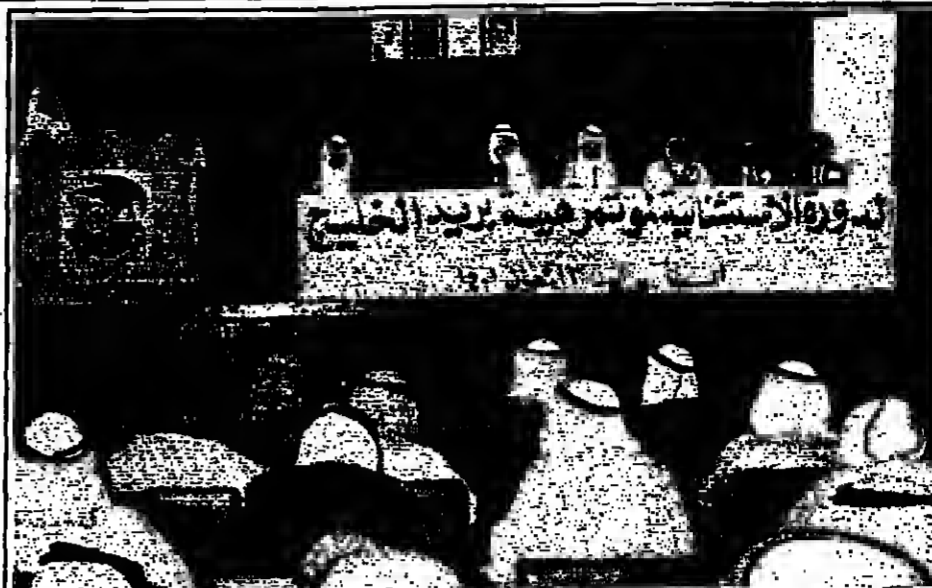
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CONFERENCE: The Gulf Postal Authority is meeting at the Kingdom's southern summer resort city of Abha to discuss improving postal services and unifying tariffs for the Gulf region. This is in line with the general trend adopted by the region's states for closer cooperation and coordination which resulted in the creation of the Gulf Cooperation Council. Delegates from the Kingdom, Bahrain, Kuwait, the UAE, Qatar and Oman are participating in the 12-day conference that began Wednesday.

Medina allotted SR1b budget

JEDDAH, June 5 — Over SR1 billion will be spent by the municipality of Medina, the Prophet's holy city, during the current financial year, according to Mayor Sadaga Khashoggi.

Speaking to *Ohaaz* Friday he said the budget comes to SR1,194 million and includes a number of projects in and around the city for the construction of new markets, tree planting town beautification, public parks and gardens and road asphalt. It will also build 500 public conveniences in the city which receives hundreds of thousands of pilgrims during the season as visiting the Prophet's mosque there is one of the duties to be performed by the pilgrims.

Khashoggi said that funds have already been appropriated for the building of a large public park in an area of two million square meters which will have play grounds, racing courses and recreational facilities. It should be ready within three to four years.

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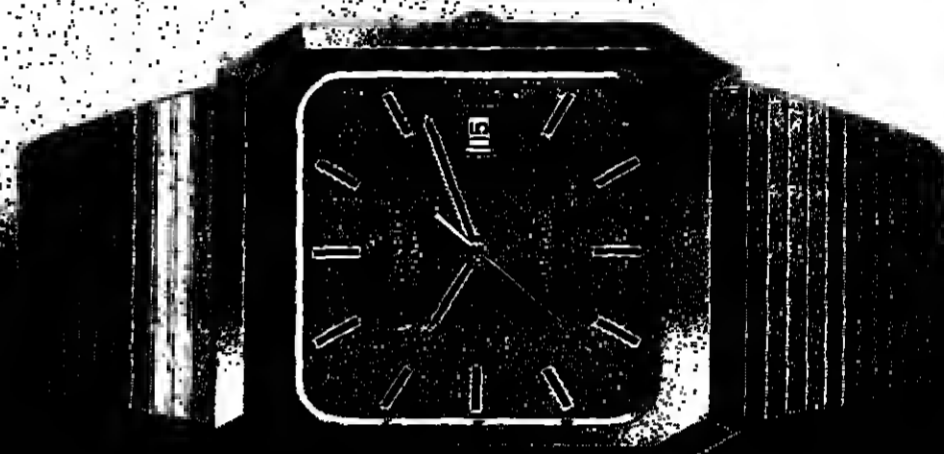
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Reforestation plans bear fruit in Hasa

HASA, June 5 (SPA) — The Ministry of Agriculture and Water has reported some positive results in controlling the spread of the desert in the Eastern Region, particularly the protection of the Hasa oasis.

According to its annual report published Friday, the ministry said that the reforestation plan included tree planting on a wide scale to provide green belts around the region and its roads, and farms because of the high rate of desertification caused by hurricane speed winds in summer.

The report said the spread of the desert has been measured at 10 meters a year which amounts to 230,000 cubic meters of sand blown toward the oasis from the Jafurah and Nufud deserts in the north east, and aggravated by the high and low tides in the Gulf which finally accumulate in the Empty Quarter.

The plan has two parts. The first one is made up of a 20-kilometer L-shaped barrier ranging between 250 and 1000 meters in depth and has an area of 500 hectares which contains nearly five million trees. Of this 90 percent are tamarisk, wholly dependent on the water supplied by 40 wells specially dug for the purpose of stopping the desert.

The other part consists of four barriers which were built according to modern scientific specifications which dispense with well water and make use of the humidity stored in the sands otherwise known as dry irrigation.

They were built from east to west vertically in the direction of the wind at a length of five kilometers and a width of 400 meters. They are separated by distances ranging from one and a half to two kilometers with a total of one million trees. Other experimental methods tested to stabilize the sand include deep plantation to a depth of one meter in areas known for high rates of humidity.

Another barrier was built to protect the city of Uyoon and the farms of Ugair with 300,000 tamarisk trees. Part of the project was given over to the municipality to be developed into a national park.

The whole project to stop the desert has an area of 4,500 hectares of which 1,800 hectares have six million trees. The project has to be maintained on a regular basis to ensure its effectiveness against the winds and the advance of the desert, the report said.

Trees have to be replaced and nursery plants provided continuously to reforest the vast area.



(Arab News photo) **DESERT BLOOMS:** Reforestation plans in the Eastern Region are producing good results as the photograph above shows. A report indicates that the barriers so far erected have actually slowed down the rate of desertification. Millions of trees had to be planted and hundreds of wells dug to irrigate them. Because of scarcity of water and nearly the absence of rains the Agriculture and Water Ministry resorted to dry irrigation to make use of the latent humidity in the sand itself.

Shaer confers with Sarkis

BEIRUT, June 5 (SPA) — Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Lebanon Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer affirmed Thursday that all parties to the Lebanese problem were satisfied with the Arab Follow-up Committee's resumption of efforts to bring about peace in that country.

Shaer was speaking to newsmen here after a meeting with Lebanese President Elias Sarkis. He said that Arab states were doing all they can to support the legal authority and safeguard the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon. Ambassador Shaer urged the Lebanese people to help the follow-up committee by making easier its task of finding a fair and just solution to the Lebanese crisis.

He denied that the committee was following any suggestions from Saudi Arabia. He made it clear that the committee was working on its own ideas to narrow the rift among the Lebanese warring factions and achieve its set goals.

In his capacity as the Kingdom's representative within the Arab Follow-up Committee, Sheikh Shaer met Thursday with several Lebanese officials and Arab diplomats in

Beirut. He held a meeting with Josef Skaf, Lebanese defense minister, Joset Abu Khatir, minister of state, and Elias Al-Harawi, public works minister.

He also met with Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Rahman Al-Buayjan, who is a member of the follow-up committee. Discussions during the meetings dealt with the situation in Lebanon and contacts regarding the upcoming meeting of the committee.

New standards issued

RIYADH, June 5 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Standards Organization issued Friday new national standard specification projects for examining raisins in both Arabic and English languages. The proposed specifications were circulated to concerned parties to study them and give their opinion before the specifications are formalized as national, compulsory standard specifications. The move aims at avoiding any technical or economic difficulties that might arise from the application of the new specifications.

Moroccan king receives Naif

RABAT, June 5 (SPA) — King Hassan II of Morocco received Interior Minister Prince Naif Thursday. Prince Naif conveyed King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd's greetings to the Moroccan monarch.

The audience was attended by Moroccan Interior Minister Idris Al-Basri, the Kingdom's Ambassador to Morocco Ali Al-Kabani and members of the delegation accompanying Prince Naif.

Meanwhile, Public Security Director Gen. Abdullah Al-Sheikh, who is a member of the delegation, visited on behalf of Prince Naif the Directorate General of the National Security and Headquarters of the Moroccan Auxiliary Forces Thursday.

Qatif show to open

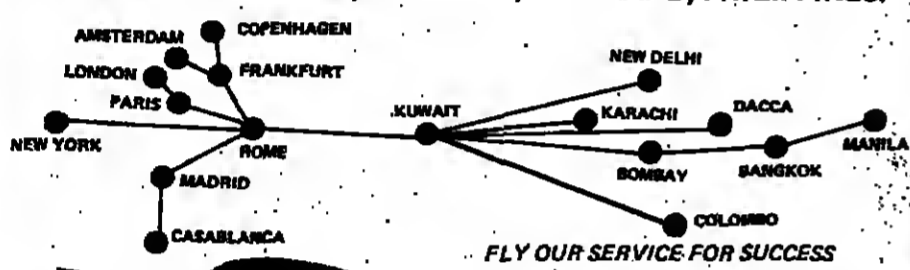
QATIF, June 5 (SPA) — The fifth annual exhibition of Qatif Social Services Center will be opened by Muhammad Al-Sharif, emir of Qatif, Monday. The nine-day exhibition will display art products, handicraft, rural tools and paintings.

Prayer Times

Saturday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Barradah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.13	4.07	4.38	3.21	3.46	4.11
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.19	12.20	11.51	11.38	12.03	12.32
Asr (Evening)	3.37	3.41	3.13	3.05	3.29	4.04
Maghreb (Sunset)	7.02	7.09	6.41	6.31	6.56	7.30
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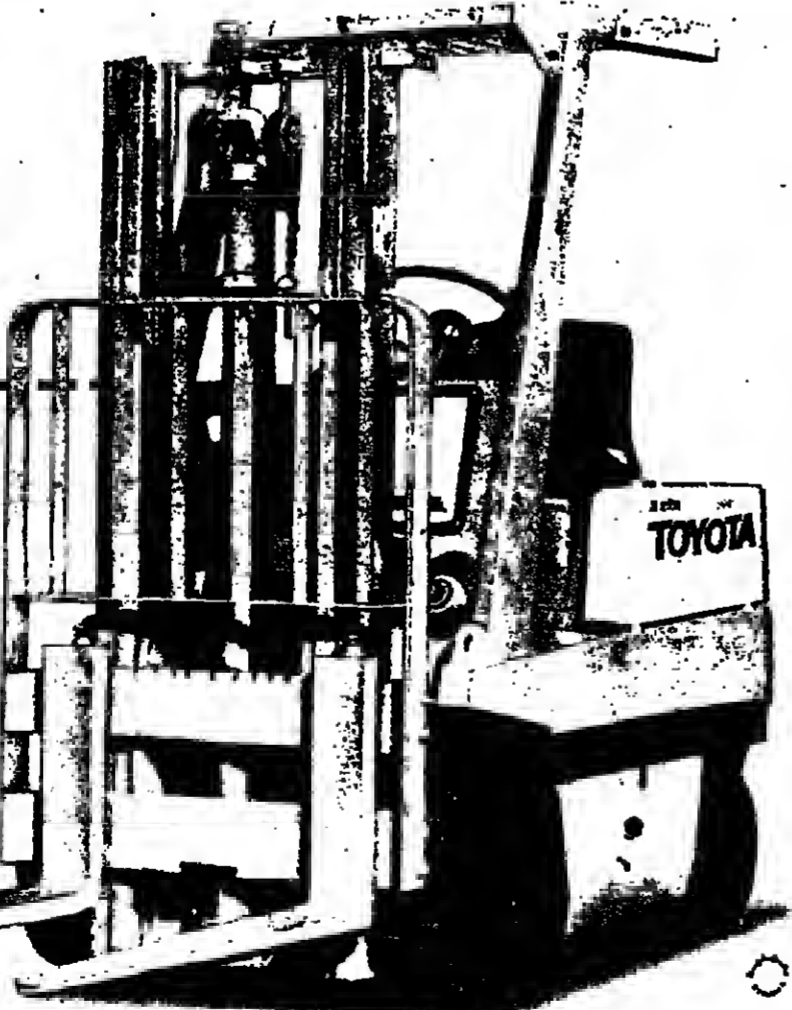
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'Sadat-Begin talks spell danger'

MOSCOW, June 5 (Agencies) — The Soviet news media has charged that the Israeli-Egyptian summit at Sharm-el-Sheikh means new danger for the Middle East and "gives even a freer hand to the Israeli aggressors."

Commenting on the Sinai meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Tass said Thursday Israeli leaders are making "no secret of their intention to involve Egypt on an even larger scale in overt cooperation in Tel Aviv's aggressive policy toward Lebanon and Syria." Moscow radio added that the two leaders were "discussing the implementation of the Camp David deal, which gives Israel a free hand in its policy on aggression against the Arab countries."

Tass said Israel has been seeking an Egyptian promise to be "loyal" to Israel "even in case of a broader Israeli conflict with the Arab countries, one that would spill over the bounds of the Lebanese crisis." "In this light, the current meeting between Begin and Sadat assumes a rather dangerous character for the cause of peace in the Middle East, because it is quite clear that if the aggressor scurries to test its allies for loyalty and strengthens its rear, it is preparing a new large-scale provocation against the Arab peoples," Tass said.

It said the summit "threatens the further buildup of tensions in the Middle East, and gives even a freer hand to the Israeli aggressors."

Speaking at a press conference after the

90-minute summit with Begin, Sadat said that he and Begin agreed that the "status quo ante" in Lebanon must be restored, meaning the situation as it stood before the latest round of fighting. He added that he had asked Begin to end Israeli raids against the Palestinians. He said that he and Begin had differed only on this point during their talks.

President Sadat said he was convinced there would be no war between Syria and Israel because neither country wanted it.

Asked what Egypt would do if war between the two did break out, Sadat said that as far as Egypt was concerned, "the October 1973 war was the last."

Earlier, as the summit closed, an Israeli spokesman said that Sadat had asked Begin to promise not to attack Syria, particularly after their meeting. "President Sadat does not want to be pictured in the Arab world as the Arab leader who gave Israel the green light to make war on Syria," the spokesman said. He added that, in return, Begin received satisfaction on a number of issues outstanding with Egypt, notably:

— The follow-up of talks for setting up a multinational force in the Sinai.

— Authorization for Israelis to continue tourist development in the Sinai.

— The opening of new checkpoints on the Egyptian-Israeli frontier, and — Authorization to continue searching for the bodies of Israeli soldiers killed in the Sinai.

Sadat also reportedly asked Begin to show "extreme caution" over Lebanon and to

avoid worsening the crisis.

Sadat was said to have responded favorably to all of Begin's requests on Egyptian-Israeli relations. Observers noted that the question of early Israeli withdrawal from the entire Sinai did not seem to have been discussed. The final troop withdrawal is scheduled for next April.

But Israel seemed receptive to Sadat's request to band back the two airbases it will evacuate, without destroying the installations. Israel's condition however was that the two bases should be taken over by U.S. teams to administer them within the multinational force, Israeli spokesmen said.

When Begin and Sadat arrived for the meeting, a number of inhabitants of Yamit, northern Sinai, demonstrated outside the building in support of a demand to remain in the Sinai settlements, instead of being evacuated before the final Israeli troop withdrawal. Police broke up the demonstration.

Two hours later Sadat met a delegation from Sharm-el-Sheikh. A spokesman said afterwards: "The president received us very kindly but insisted that he must receive totally evacuated areas."

Begin's invective termed obnoxious

KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 (AP) — Malaysia's largest circulated daily, *The New Straits Times*, said in an editorial Friday that "like the American comedian Don Rickles, Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin is finding it profitable to be abusive and obnoxious."

"Unrepentant about the uproar he created last month, Begin has reiterated his labeling of West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt as a Nazi and stigmatized the German people for being responsible for the Jewish holocaust of the World War II. "His invective, however, has not been limited to one country or race. Generously, Begin has also charged former French President Giscard d'Estaing with being a toady (sycophant) to Arab oil barons and mocked Saudi Arabia for its efforts at mediation in Lebanon ...

"Only an extremely generous nature would view Begin's foul-mouth abuse as honesty and bluntness. "The truth is probably closer to the point that it is a mere tactic to win re-election at the end of the month. (Besides being indicative of a British character.) and it is paying off."

"The latest opinion poll shows Begin's Likud bloc coalition leading the Labor party for the first time in two years."

"For all his sanctimonious preachments on the holy land, Begin is not above sacrificing its well-being for his own political ends. (Though one can suppose that Begin modestly assumes that his own advancement also means the advancement of Israel.)"

700 rebels surrender in Bangladesh

CALCUTTA, June 5 (AP) — Another 700 armed Bangladesh army rebels, hiding in the rugged, densely-forested Chittagong region, after participating in an unsuccessful coup attempt, were reported Thursday to have surrendered to government troops.

The United News of India Agency quoting reports from across the Indo-Bangladesh border, said the surrender followed the intensification of combat operations by the Bangladesh army in the region. Nearly 4,000 army insurgents earlier this week surrendered to government troops after the 48-hour rebellion in which President Ziaur Rahman was killed was crushed Monday, UNI said.

But about 2,000 rebels were still underground in the region, 150 kilometers south-east of Dacca, the capital, trying to escape to neighboring Burma's Arakan Hills or India's Tripura state, the report said.

UNRWA seeks funds to avoid schools' closure

VIENNA, June 5 (R) — Threatened cuts in the United Nations education program for Palestinian refugees would have grave political consequences, a U.N. official has said.

Over 300 schools in Jordan and Syria would be forced to close next year unless governments stepped in with \$20 million to cover the organization's budget deficit, United Nations Relief and Works Agency Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck said Thursday. "Any cuts in our programs would have the most fatal political repercussions," he said, adding that the education of some 340,000 Palestinian refugee children was at stake.

Financing of this year's \$230 million budget for aid projects in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip would be extremely precarious, Rydbeck said. China has pledged \$50,000 to the Vienna-based agency, adding to a total of \$19

million given by Western and Arab nations in recent months.

At United Nations, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Poul Hartling, has asked governments to provide an extra \$56.6 million to finance his humanitarian assistance program for Afghan refugees in Pakistan, a UNHCR spokesman said Friday.

About 1.7 million refugees would be helped by the program, covering needs such as more food, shelter, water supplies, and clothing, as well as projects aimed at enabling the refugees to become less dependent on outside assistance.

At the request of the Pakistani government, UNHCR has provided aid to Afghan refugees since 1979. Because of the increase in refugee numbers — two million registered by the end of May 1981 — UNHCR has had to reassess its current year program, pushing up cash needs from \$52 million to \$96 million.

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E. Beirut under curfew as bombing continues

BEIRUT, June 5 (Agencies) — Lebanese rightist forces decided a curfew in east Beirut Friday as artillery and rocket duels broke out with Syrian forces along the capital's commercial quarter.

Police reported two were killed and 10 wounded in the Christian residential neighborhood of Dora as the rightist "Voice of Lebanon" radio station interrupted its programs to announce the indefinite curfew in Dora and four other Christian neighborhoods: Ashrafieh, Ain Rummaneh, Sin El-Fil and Badaro.

Provincial Lebanese authorities, meanwhile, claimed an Israeli infantry force crossed the border into U.N.-controlled southern Lebanon before dawn and blew up the houses of two citizens.

A spokesman for the governor's office in the port city of Sidon, said the house-blowing incident occurred at the village of Aita El Zoti, 12 kilometers north of the Israeli border.

The village is within the area of operations of the Irish contingent of the U.N. peacekeeping forces in southern Lebanon. The raiding force pulled out after blowing up the houses, shooting in the air to cover up the withdrawal, the spokesman said.

A similar house-blowing raid was reported in the southern Lebanese village of Kfar Hamam in the foothills of Mount Hermon Thursday but the Israeli command and a

U.N. spokesman in Jerusalem said they did not hear about such a foray.

An hour, before east Beirut's curfew orders were broadcast at intervals, Lebanon's state radio said Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier over the capital. But the sonic booms drew no anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian Commando positions.

Meanwhile, the International Red Cross Society said in Geneva Thursday armed men hijacked Red Cross vehicles and shells were fired on Beirut's crowded beaches.

In its latest bulletin, the IRC said armed men forced their way into the committee's Beirut vehicle depot and made off with an ambulance, two mini-buses and a car, all equipped with VHF radios and Red Cross flags.

Last Sunday, artillery gunners blasted beaches along the Beirut coast and on both sides of the city, the bulletin said. Eighteen persons were killed and 270 injured in the bombardment which also covered residential areas in the eastern and western city sectors, according to unofficial reports cited by the IRC.

In Tehran, Iran's revolutionary guards said Thursday they would send men to Lebanon and Syria to fight alongside Palestinians "against the conspiracies of the imperialistic United States. A statement did not say how many guards would go or when they would leave.

Cholera death reported during flight

LONDON, June 5 (AP) — Health officials went aboard a British Airways plane when it arrived at Heathrow airport from Rawalpindi Friday to make checks on all 134 passengers after a man was taken ill during the flight shortly after being treated for cholera and later died during a stop-over, airlines officials reported. An unidentified woman gave birth to a girl inside the aircraft.

A British Airways spokesman said the man, aged 64 and identified only as Khan, had boarded the airliner straight from hospital. The spokesman said he became seriously ill on the flight and died during a stop-over in Amman, after receiving emergency treatment.

"The airlines was delayed for about three hours and at first we thought it might be impounded. But the authorities said we could fly and take all necessary precautions in London," the spokesman said.

Although it was not clear whether the man died of cholera-related illness, water samples were taken from the aircraft and the airline was awaiting reports from Amman Friday.

Passengers were warned to go to their doctors if they suffered any cholera symptoms and all their names and addresses were recorded. Nationalities of the passengers were not issued to the press.

Qaddafi tells Mitterrand

Alliance with Zionists will make Arabs bitter

PARIS, June 5 (AFP) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has told new French President Francois Mitterrand the Arab states are pleased with his Socialist victory in France but said that alignment with Israel will make enemies of the Arabs.

At the same time, Mitterrand has sent the colonel a message that seemed to have something for both sides in the Middle East conflict. Qaddafi, who also spoke of the withdrawal of more Libyan troops from Chad in the near future, was speaking in an interview given last Sunday in Libya and published Friday in the Paris newspaper Liberation.

"Socialist Libya is happy with the victory of Mitterrand, as are Algeria, South Yemen and the Palestine Liberation Organization, who are also members of a progressive front, that of Steadfastness", Col. Qaddafi said.

Mitterrand, in a message sent Thursday and made public Friday told Qaddafi France

wanted to develop a mutually profitable policy of cooperation with "all countries, especially the Arab states and those bordering the Mediterranean." "In the Middle East, France will work with all the interested parties to seek a fair solution that will allow all peoples of the region to live in a homeland within secure, recognized borders".

The message to Qaddafi was one of two sent by Mitterrand to Arab leaders, thanking them for their congratulations on his election May 10. The other one went to President Habib Bourguiba of Tunisia.

On Libyan-French relations, Qaddafi said Libya had rejoiced when Valery Giscard d'Estaing lost to Mitterrand in the French election because "Giscard's fall marked the end of French military colonialism and the end of exploitation in Africa."

The Libyan leader said he was confident that there could be a "Franco-Arab dialogue"

Funeral service held for Khader

BEIRUT, June 5 (AP) — The Palestine Liberation Organization staged an emotion-charged funeral in Beirut Friday for the slain PLO representative in Belgium, Naim Khader, whose body was flown here from Brussels. Khader's wife Bernadette, 32, moved PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his senior aides to the verge of

tears as she delivered the sole eulogy for her 41-year-old husband in the St. Francis Roman Catholic Church with a choked, trembling voice.

"You shall remain alive amongst us all until your people and you return to Palestine," the widow read in heavily accented Arabic from a prepared text.

U.N. extends mandate of Cyprus force

UNITED NATIONS, June 5 (AP) — The U.N. Security Council voted 14-0 Thursday to extend the mandate of the 17-year-old U.N. peacekeeping force on Cyprus for another six months to next Dec. 15. China did not participate in the voting.

Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim told the 15-member council after the vote that he expected intercommunal peace talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots to enter "a more active phase" next month. Both parties have assured him that they are "prepared to make serious efforts in the direction of a comprehensive settlement," Waldheim said.

The secretary-general assured the council that the peacekeeping force (UNIFIL) "remains in a position to fully carry out its tasks" despite a 110-man reduction.

Egyptian poet dead

CAIRO, June 5 (AP) — Ahmad Ramey, an Egyptian poet well known in the Arab world, died Thursday at the age of 89, the official Middle East News Agency reported. Ramey, often compared in literary circles to Britain's Shelley for his romantic-style poetry, died in his home.

He has written more than 500 poems many of which were love lyrics and for which he was dubbed "the poet of youth." The late Om Kalihum sang a large number of his odes.

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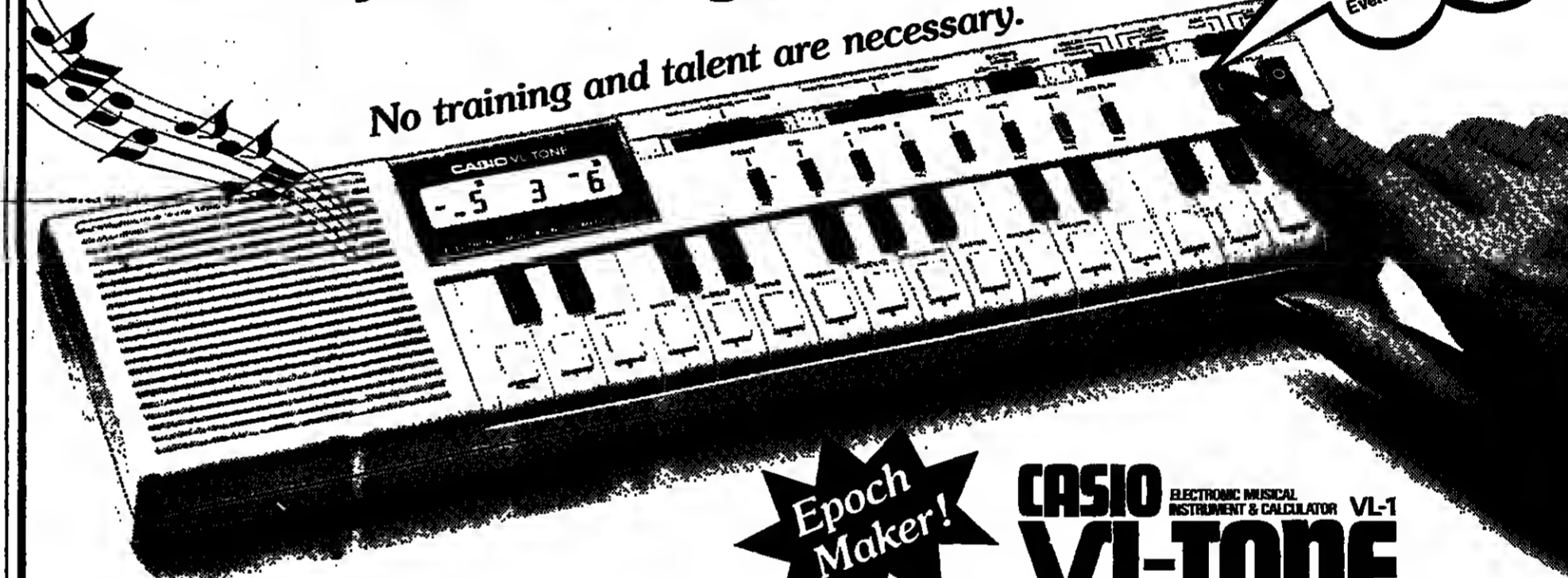
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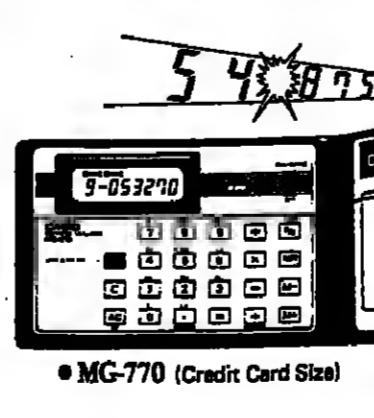
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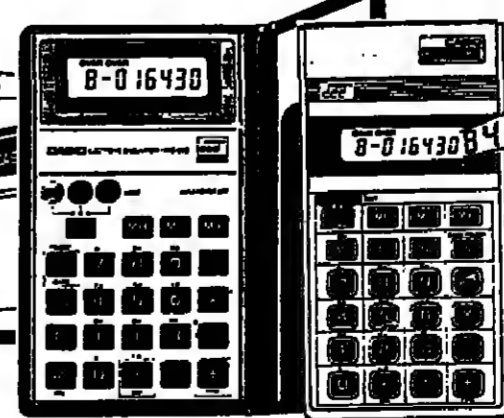
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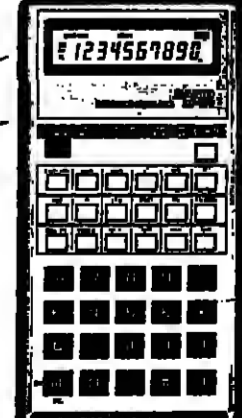


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The Arab Follow-Up Committee on Lebanon resumes its meetings in Beirut today, after a period of inactivity. The committee's brief is still the same, which is to look into the possibility of national reconciliation in that tormented land. Observers see the significance of the committee's return to action at the present juncture — as speculation over the "internationalization" of the crisis grows — as an affirmation by the Arab world that "Arabization" is the only viable way out of the impasse.

This is supported by reports from Damascus, indicating that Syrian officials have already told American envoy Philip Habib before his return to the area, that if Washington wishes to remain involved in the crisis it had to agree on two points of principle: The first is that Lebanon is a sovereign state, which means that pressure has to be applied on Israel to prevent it from further devastating the country and interfering in its affairs. The second is that the Arab Deterrent Force is in Lebanon through invitation from the Lebanese government and agreement from the rest of the Arab world. In no way therefore can the presence of the ADF be used as justification for Israeli interference.

Some observers, however, feel that the coincidence of Habib's return and the reactivation of the Arab committee might indicate that both "Arabization" and "internationalization" will occur as parallel efforts. No evidence for this has emerged however, and the question must be left open for the present.

Whatever the reality here, the man in the street in Lebanon has reached a stage where any movement along the road to a peaceful internal settlement is welcome, so long as it makes for a stop in the killing and destruction.

Saudi Arabian press review

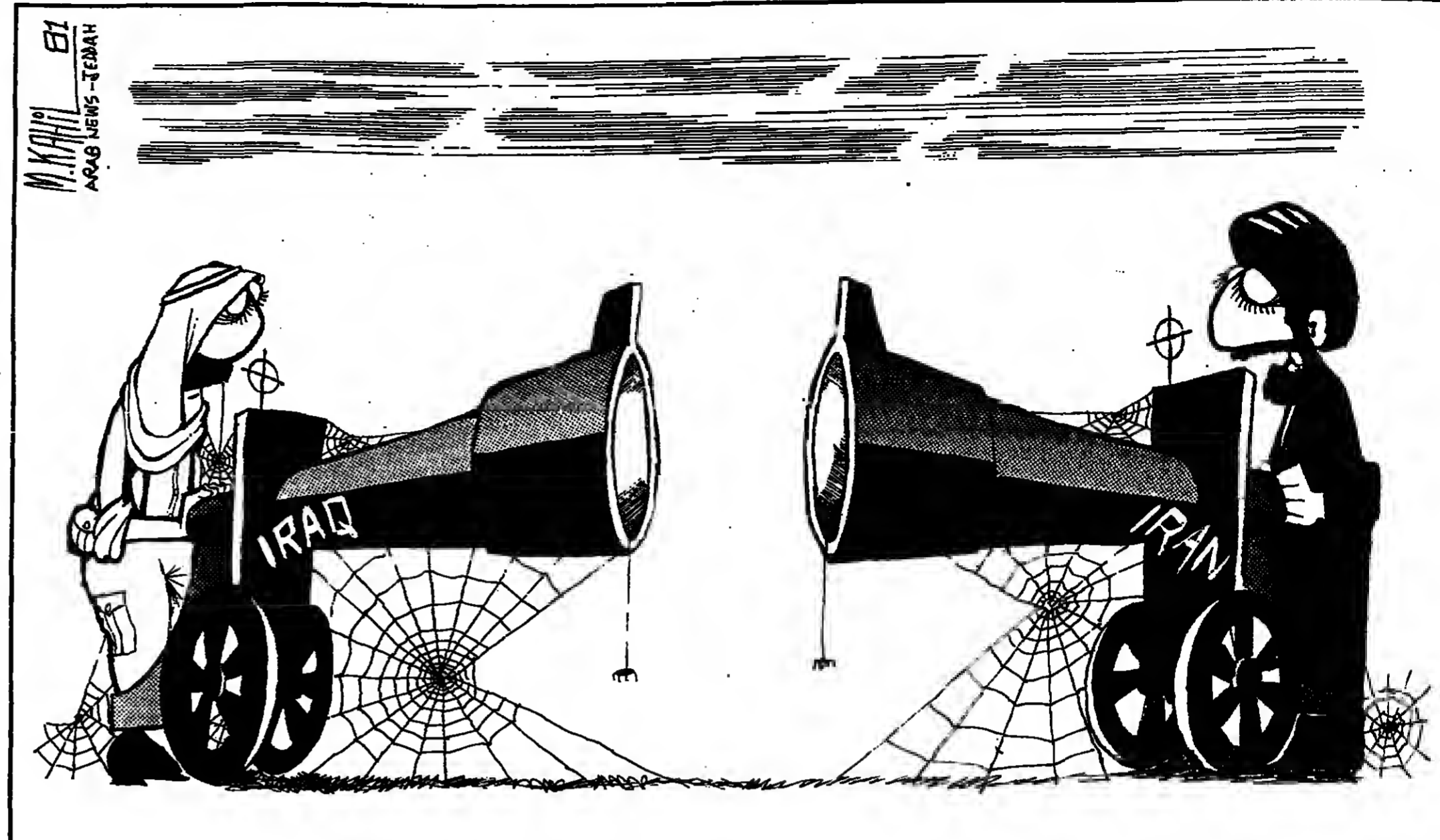
There were only two Arabic newspapers Friday, *Okaz* and *Al-Jazirah*. *Okaz* led with an interview with the Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat and his denial that he had said anything offensive about the Kingdom. It quoted him as saying that he blamed certain media for attributing to him absolutely baseless remarks. The attribution led to some critical commentaries in the Arabic press.

Al-Jazirah led with a royal decree raising the salaries of judges and the meetings of the Islamic foreign ministers in Baghdad. It also highlighted a statement by the new French leader Mitterrand that he was a friend of Israel and will not do anything harmful to it.

Both editorials dealt with the statement attributed to Arafat. *Okaz* said it was sad to learn that anybody could have doubted the noble and generous role that the Kingdom was playing in support-

ing the Palestinian people and their struggle for liberation. It expressed astonishment and disbelief that Arafat could have agreed with Libyan leader Qaddafi who charged Saudi Arabia with inadequate support for the Palestinian struggle.

"We in Saudi Arabia are honored that our role and our support and contributions spring from our total belief and conviction in our duty," the paper said. "We feel sad that our services are denied and that others who help are frequently ungrateful to us," it said. *Al-Jazirah* was even more critical of the Palestinian leader and charged him with less than courage by remaining silent when Qaddafi claimed that Saudi Arabia was not helping the Palestinian struggle with sufficient funds. It said that the PLO was dependent almost wholly on the financial contributions of the Kingdom and that Arafat should have made this abundantly clear before Qaddafi and afterward.



Arab cause is destined to succeed

By Christopher Mayhew

With another anniversary of the fifth of June, it is appropriate for Arabs and their friends to stand back and do some stock-taking. Is the pessimism now so prevalent in the Arab world justified by the facts? How much has been won, and how much lost, since Israel's devastating military victory?

The losses speak for themselves. An Arab world more bitterly divided than ever, with the most powerful Arab country aligned with its enemies. Israel more dominant militarily than ever, and with access to nuclear weapons. A new American president in the White House with no knowledge of the Arab world and no sympathy for the Palestinians, surrounded by advisers strongly inclined toward Zionism. Lebanon in chaos, a prey to armed disruption by Israel and its agents. Above all, the masses of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza facing ruthless colonization and repression, and in danger of losing hope.

This kind of close-up, snapshot view of the Arab-Israeli conflict inevitably highlights Arab weakness and Israeli strength. A village in South Lebanon. Galilee or Gaza could be forgiven for feeling despair. But the reverse is also true. The more we stand back and view the conflict in historical perspective, the more clearly we see that the Arab and Palestinian cause has gained ground and is destined to succeed.

After all, how many Westerners, 14 years ago, thought of the Palestinians not just as "Arabs" but a people in their own right? Indeed, how many of

the Palestinians themselves had at that time a clear sense of national identity? Yet today that nationhood is almost universally accepted.

How many of us in 1967 predicted that within 14 years the Arab world would be courted by the national leaders of virtually every Western, Communist and Third World country? That its standards of health and education would have advanced so dramatically? That even its diplomacy and propaganda would improve?

How many of us in 1967 thought it possible that Israel would alienate so quickly such a large proportion of world public opinion? That it would begin so soon to rival South Africa in its isolation and unpopularity? Now that the great colonial empires have disappeared, now that Rhodesia has become Zimbabwe, how can history's last two practitioners of colonialism and racialism Israel and South Africa withstand the weight of the world's outraged disapproval? True, these countries are still militarily dominant in their regions, and are stubborn and ruthless; but so were the Rhodesians.

It is also the long view, the historical perspective, which reveals most clearly the internal contradictions of Zionism. Zionism became possible, and flourished, to the extent that Jewish people were subject to racial persecution. The Jewish state commended itself to Jews and non-Jews alike as a haven of racial tolerance in an evil and prejudiced world. Today, however, it is fairer to see Israel as a land of racial discrimination in an increasingly multi-racial world. This produces some absurd

paradox, for example of Zionists denouncing anti-Semitism in Western countries and at the same time, in the same breath, deploring the increasing tendency for Israeli citizens to go and live in these countries. Astonishingly, something like 20 percent of all Israeli Jews are now living permanently outside Israel. Their numbers are growing and their average age falling. These people have realized that by denying the fundamental rights of the Palestinians, Zionism inevitably condemns the Israelis to international ostracism, insecurity, ruinous defense expenditure and prolonged military conscription. Together with the decline in immigration, this exodus from Israel of disillusioned Zionists amounts to a resounding vote of no confidence by the Jewish people in the Jewish state.

And there are other fatal contradictions in Zionism. For how long can a small country be a dependency of a great power and at the same time a menace to its peace and prosperity? For how long can it endanger the prosperity of the rest of the world by policies which the rest of the world strongly condemns? For how long can the holy city of Jerusalem be controlled exclusively by the smallest and least powerful of the religions to which it is holy?

Viewed in historical perspective, Zionism has plainly overreached itself. It has established for Israel a dominance in the Middle East which it does not deserve and cannot maintain, and which in the years ahead the rest of the world will challenge with increasing determination and success.

China abandons Mao's policy of self-reliance

By Michael Parks

PEKING — Hit by both a prolonged drought and extensive flooding in different parts of the country, China is asking for international assistance to feed and clothe 20 million of its people, by the request is proving to be one of the most controversial decisions the post-Mao leadership has made in foreign affairs.

The \$700 million request for grain, milk powder, food supplements and clothing is causing chagrin among Chinese at all levels as an abandonment of the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung's policy of national self-reliance, according to a number of well-placed Chinese, who warn that it could become a major political issue.

"Normalizing relations with the United States or going to war with Vietnam two years ago did not upset as many people as this decision," one Chinese official said, adding that he supports the request but understands the discontent it has caused. "Those decisions had their critics, but the opposition to this goes much deeper," the official went on. "For 30 years, we took pride in standing on our own feet, braving all sorts of difficulties and calamities but never asking for help. We probably overdid it, but most people felt, and still feel, that self-reliance was important, particularly for our national dignity. Now they are asking why we have gone begging for help from the capitalists."

China is not, in fact, begging for food. For nearly eight months, it has been feeding the peasants in the drought — and flood-stricken regions with its own grain reserves and could, if necessary, afford to import the 1.6 million tons of rice, wheat, corn and soybeans that constitute the bulk of the aid request. China has actually continued to export rice and milk powder, two of the requested commodities. What the U.N. Disaster Relief Office wanted to do in drawing up and circulating the aid request was to raise about 20 million of the most seriously affected peasants — a population nearly that of Canada — above the subsistence level of government rations and to speed recovery with new wells in drought-hit Hebei province and with reinforced dikes along the Yangtze River in Hubei province.

Letter to the editor

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So far, China has received about \$20 million in assistance, mostly milk powder, vegetable oil and vitamin tablets, and Peking's expectations are modest, though more than 25 countries have said they would try to help. The controversy over the aid request, the first international appeal China has made since the Communists came to power in 1949, centers on the policy of self-reliance: no one says it should be scrapped, but the debate is growing on what it means and how it should be effected.

Until recently, self-reliance was a major facet of China's foreign and economic policies. Emphasis on it grew out of the vivid memory of foreign exploitation in the past and the Communists' determination to restore the nation's dignity and to prove the superiority of socialism by basing all development on the country's ability to deal with all problems. Nearly 20 million people died in the famine of 1960-62 — the toll was reported only last month — but China did not ask for international assistance. When 242,000 were killed in a 1976 earthquake that destroyed the city of Tangshan, northeast of Peking, China turned away offers of help.

"This attitude was shortsighted and brought additional suffering on the Chinese people," researchers at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences concluded in a study for the top leadership. "The principle of self-reliance was and remains essentially correct — only China can bear the burden of China — but its implementation has been badly affected for many years by leftist mistakes in our thinking."

Accepting this assessment, the Chinese leadership under Deng Xiaoping, the Communist Party's powerful vice chairman, decided to ask — actually, to allow the United Nations to ask on China's behalf — for assistance for the peasants in Hebei and Hubei, the two provinces most affected by the drought and flood.

"Deng argued that absolute self-reliance was another of Mao's major mistakes," a Chinese source familiar with the internal debate said. "It was foolish, misplaced pride. Mao could not distinguish the old imperialist domination, which he wanted to end, from modern international relations where mutual assistance is common. Besides, how can natural disasters and the problems they bring reflect on socialism or the Chinese Communist Party?"

This argument carried the majority of the leadership, the source said, and it decided "as a matter of principle, you might say" — to ask for international assistance. But doubts persist through the party's ranks. Chinese officials acknowledge, and opponents of Deng have raised the issue in charges that he is leading China in a "slide to the right." This echoes the accusations leveled against Deng when he was purged as a "capitalist roadster" in 1976 for, among other political sins, disputing the policy of total self-reliance.

The Chinese press has not dealt directly with the sensitive question of foreign relief assistance but included it in a prolonged debate over what sort of relationship China should develop with foreign

countries — a major issue that has influenced and sometimes blocked past modernization efforts. An additional effort is now under way to play down the aid request and its implications, usually asserting that such assistance is more or less China's by right.

Du Rnsheng, vice minister of the state agricultural commission, explained recently that, until now, China "had waived its right to enjoy certain help and benefits" from international organizations, such as the United Nations and the World Bank, which it had joined and to which China had paid its fair share.

Hebei has a population of 51 million. Hubei has 46 million. If they were independent countries, each would rank ahead of, say, Egypt, a major foreign aid recipient, in population — and the current crises would be regarded as major international disasters. This immediately raised the fear among a number of potential donors, including the United States, that China would now be coming to the international community for assistance whenever it suffered a natural disaster, almost a yearly occurrence in this vast and populous country.

"The State Department seemed paralyzed by the implications," said a diplomat who recently argued the Chinese case in Washington. "One official told me, 'their needs are so vast, how can we even begin to help.'"

The question of China's share of the limited amount of foreign assistance generally available to developing countries today is an issue that donor nations, again including the United States, have wanted to postpone, knowing that it will be difficult to satisfy Peking's expectations without cutting aid to other major recipients, such as India. Peking received its first U.N. assistance in 1979, to help it settle more than 250,000 refugees from Vietnam — more than any other country took in.

The World Bank, which sent 25 experts to assess China's aid needs, concluded that it would need at least \$10 billion over the next five years from the bank and its affiliated organizations. The bank's "beneficiary population" has grown 45 percent with China's inclusion, the experts noted. Five years ago, China was attacking the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund as "agents of imperialism and neo-colonialism."

Less than three years ago, China made news by saying it would seek commercial credits to expand its foreign trade and, in a major policy reversal, would establish a variety of joint ventures with foreign partners, some of them operating under conditions that China had earlier characterized as "exploitation" in other countries.

A meager response to the request for aid to China, especially if major countries such as the United States do not contribute substantially, would be a worse humiliation for China, as Chinese officials and foreign diplomats alike assess that eventually. "To have asked your new partners, your new allies, for help and cotton very little is certainly worse than not asking at all," said a European diplomat who is trying to persuade his government to support Deng. (LAT)

Ziaur Rahman's death changes power game

By Bernard Melusky

DACCA — The hail of machine gun bullets that cut down President Ziaur Rahman early last week has not only deprived Bangladesh of an astute and dynamic leader but has also changed the nation's political power game. The 45-year-old president, a military hero in this country of 90 million people, had achieved a working synthesis of army and civilian politics under his leadership.

What concerns many people now is whether the balance will continue when the emotional shock of his death subsides and the search for a successor begins in earnest. President Zia and at least seven others, including officers and guards, were killed in a commando raid on a state guest house in the southern port city of Chittagong before dawn last Saturday. The assassination was followed by the proclamation of a "revolutionary council" by a group of military officers led by Maj. Gen. Abdul Manzur, 43, commander of the army in Chittagong.

The rebellion failed to attract any support, however, and collapsed when the rebels fled Chittagong early on Monday. The government announced that 20 officers had been arrested. Three others, including Gen. Manzur, were killed while security forces were escorting them after their capture.

The precise motives for the slaying of Zia and the killing of Manzur remain unclear, but theories and speculation proliferate in Dhacca. Diplomatic and other sources here believe Manzur resented an apparent bid to effectively demote him from his army command by transferring him to the post of head of the army staff college in Dhacca.

Both Zia and Manzur belonged to the dwindling group of senior military men known as freedom fighters because they fought in the war that ended with Bangladesh independence from Pakistan in 1971. Other senior officers were kept against their will in Pakistan (then West Pakistan) and missed the war through no fault of their own. They were later returned to Bangladesh and are known as repatriates.

Diplomatic sources say Manzur possibly saw himself as the logical successor to Zia because of his ability and background as a freedom fighter, but with virtually no chance of advancement. The head of the staff college commands no troops and Manzur, if sent to that post, would have found himself under the orders of a general who was previously junior to him, diplomats say.

Whatever the background to the assassination, and whether or not the motives will have repercussions inside the powerful military, Zia's death has presented Bangladesh with an uncertain future. The immediate aftermath, however, has been a moving and impressive unity of all sections in public sorrow and commitment to maintain the democratic system and advance economically in a country with the lowest per capita income in Asia apart from the Communist Indochinese countries. The government is functioning normally and parliament is sitting.

Prime Minister Shah Azizur Rahman, speaking at a condolence session in parliament on Wednesday, noted that the only way to defend democracy in the country was by the peaceful transition of power through periodic elections. He said it was through ballots, not through terror and bullets, that any transition of power had to be ensured.

Bangladesh now has six months, the maximum time under the constitution for the calling of presidential elections, to effect the crucial first phase of the post-Zia era: finding a successor. But it may not be easy. Zia, through personal popularity and military prestige coupled with a driving vision, restored democracy after a period of martial law that followed the assassination of President Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

Assuming the army stays out of the politics and allows the politicians to fight the election, diplomats suggest that the next president will still have to be acceptable to the military.

Vice-President Abdus Sattar is acting as head of state, but he is 75 and reported to be ill health. He may not want the job. The main contenders could be candidates from Zia's ruling party, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), and the large opposition Awami League Party, whose President is the daughter of the late president Mujibur. Mrs. Hasina Wazed. She returned to Bangladesh only last month from six years of self-exile in India, but at 32 is eight years too young to stand for president. (R)

Meat dominates Turkish food

By Kathy Lund
JEDDAH — Ethnic cooking styles are curious: impossible to define, yet inately "of the country." The food that people eat daily would tell the tale of that land over the centuries. Such is the historical cumulative effect that present day national borders become blurred and the food reflects contacts made with other peoples over many lifetimes.
 For example, it's hard to pinpoint when dried limes found their way into Iraqi cooking. But sometime over the centuries they did, and today its one of the flavors that give the Iraqi cuisine its particular personality — even though the country, in a way, is a culinary crossroads. As a long time important corridor on the old trading routes from Asia and India it was influenced not only by neighbors, but also by more distant cultures. Turkish occupation also left its stamp as did the wandering Arabian Bedouin.
 A distinctly Iraqi synthesis grew out of these influences. "I'm not sure where dried limes originated," Mona Dajani reflected, "but the flavor is very popular. We even make tea from dried limes. The seeds are removed, and the dried limes put in a pot with boiling water. Allow the water to boil for three to five minutes until it has the taste of the dried limes. Strain well and drink hot with sugar."
 Mona is the Iraqi member of Gourmet

International and recently demonstrated two delicious recipes, both of which contained the dried limes, but also showed the other influences that have shaped her country's cuisine.
 "We have dishes that are purely Turkish, and which are common to most Middle Eastern countries," she said, "while there is also an old Persian influence in some of our food. Like the Bedouin we enjoy lamb and rice. And from India we have adopted a love of curries and rice dishes such as Beriani."
 "But we manage to put our own stamp on most foods. We use a tomato stew very much. Meat and vegetables are always cooked on this tomato stew. We eat tomatoes every day. We also like using fresh herbs — parsley, coriander, dill, mint, chives, fennel.
 "We also enjoy eating fish, particularly our fresh water fish from the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. In Baghdad, there are many restaurants along the Tigris which serve fish dishes. One popular way to cook it is to flavor it with tomato and onion, then skewer it with twigs from a special tree. The fish is then grilled in front of an open fire. Quite often the dried limes are used to flavor the fish too."
 "Meat is very important to us. We eat it every day. Lamb would be the most popular meat. Sometimes to make such things as kababs we might use a little minced beef with the minced lamb. Other times it might be all lamb. One delicious way we eat kababs is to

lay the meat on flat bread then sprinkle with the spice, sumak. Then fold the bread over the meat to keep it warm. The bread then gets soaked with the meat juices and the sumak."
LAMB IN DRIED LIME STEW: Ingredients: 1kg. lamb cut into strips; 2 medium sized onions (chopped); 2 dried limes (seeded and ground); 1 tablespoon tomato puree; water; salt; pepper; cinnamon, cardamom and allspice; You can also add ½-cupful of crushed chick peas to stock, but soak overnight first.
METHOD: Fry chopped onions in a little oil until tender, then add meat. Fry until meat is sealed on all sides. Now add pepper and spices to taste, and the ground lime. Turn and mix everything very well. Add tomato puree, salt and enough water to cover the meat. Cook until meat (and chick peas if added) are tender. Serve with white rice.
TISERREB NUMI BASRAB (bread soaked in dried lime broth) Ingredients: ½ kilo chicken parts; 2 cups fresh pressed tomato juice or one tablespoon tomato puree; 3 dried limes; 4 small onions; ¼ cup split peas (soaked overnight); water; salt; cinnamon, allspice, cardamom and black pepper (to taste).
METHOD: Fry chicken in little cooking oil and add salt and spices. Remove chicken from pan. Add onions and fry a little. Return chicken to pan and add tomato juice, or puree, chick peas and limes (make holes in limes before adding to pan). Add enough water to cover chicken. Cook until chicken is tender, making sure enough stock remains. Cut brown flat bread (the thin flat local bread with bubbly texture) into band sized pieces. Four enough stock to cover bread, then carefully put chicken pieces and chick peas on top with the limes.

Film-makers take to streets of New York

By Michele Abruzzi

NEW YORK, (R) — With the golden days of the Hollywood studios long past, modern film-makers have discovered a less glamorous setting for their productions — the streets of New York. At any one time about a dozen feature films are being shot in the city which Mayor Edward Koch is promoting as the world's biggest open-air studio.
 Last year 71 features were produced in New York, a remarkable rise from 1977 when just 26 were made. With television production is on the increase one series is already filming and two more are due to start soon — film and TV production has become New York's third biggest growing industry, according to a recent study. It was the impact of television cutting into box office returns which encouraged the use of cheaper non-Hollywood locations.
 Former Mayor John Lindsay tried to persuade directors to come to New York in the late 1960s, but Koch has been the real impulse behind the current boom, according to the director of the mayor's office of motion pictures and television, Nancy Littlefield. She said the mayor sees film-making as a way of helping New York's economy, not only by creating jobs but also by attracting tourists. The city's 1980 revenue from feature films was \$200 million, or \$650 million with television, documentaries, commercials and other photography included, according to the motion picture office.
 Miss Littlefield said, the impression of New York given to filmgoers could prompt them to visit the city. "It's important that the image be good," she said. "Everybody loves to see anything shot in New York. She is not discouraged by any negative aspects in these



An aerial view of New York

films. "I think they make New York look good," she said. "New York isn't all Tiffany's and Fifth Avenue."
 However, one recent film, *The Fan*, has come eerily close to an aspect of the city many New Yorkers would rather forget. The film, with Lauren Bacall as a movie idol stalked by a psychotic fan, was made on the Upper West Side, a few blocks from the Dakota Apartment Block where John Lennon was shot dead last December and where Miss Bacall actually lives. Lennon's accused killer has been described as a deranged fan.
The fan, based on a book published several years ago, was filmed before Lennon was killed and advertising for it has included a disclaimer saying the picture is not based on Lennon's death. Two recent films have been sparked off angry protests. Demonstrators blew whistles to disrupt the shooting of *Cruising*, in which Al Pacino as a police detective tracks down a murderer in Greenwich Village.
Fort Apache: The Bronx, in which Paul Newman plays a disillusioned police officer, showed rioters, lunatics and murderers living in a burned-out wasteland. Protesters demanded that the film show a positive side of the Bronx. The producers inserted a message at the start of the film saying although it depicted crime many residents of the Bronx were law-abiding citizens working to improve conditions there.
 But there were always problems. Miss Littlefield said. "They shoot people jumping out of widows, an elephant walking down 57th Street, a woman coming out of the subway and getting shot." New York has a special police unit to cope with the problems, including the more mundane ones like traffic control.
 In any scene where a gun is used, the local police precinct must be warned. "Otherwise the average person might not know that is going on and might try to intervene," Lt. Jesse Hederman, commanding officer of the police unit, said.

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By a Science Correspondent

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Chun renews appeal for Korea unity talks

SEOUL, South Korea, June 5 (AP) — President Chun Doo-hwan Friday renewed his call for an exchange of meetings with North Korean President Kim Il-Sung aimed at unification of the divided Korean peninsula. He injected a new note in his invitation, saying that such a meeting could be held in a third country if North Korea preferred such a site.

Chun spoke before an estimated 10,000 persons at the inaugural ceremony of the Advisory Council of Peaceful Unification.

China congress opens in chairman's absence

BEIJING, June 5 (AP) — The standing committee of China's parliament, the National People's Congress, opened Friday but its elderly chairman Ye Jianying was absent and reported in failing health.

The official Xinhua news agency said Vice Chairman Peng Zhen, president in the absence of Marshal Ye. It said the meeting would last for several days, approve appointments and removals and discuss proposed regulations on military and civilian matters.

Marshal Ye, about 83, is China's highest parliamentarian and the equivalent of a head of state. He spent more than six months in Canton, reportedly for health reasons and to demonstrate his opposition to some current policies.

Policy — an 8,919-member body with Chun as chairman — in Seoul's Chamsil gymnasium. It was formed last year.

The South Korean president first proposed an exchange of meetings with Korea's leader Jan. 12, but the proposal was rejected by the North. Chun said Friday it was "truly regrettable that the North Korean authorities have yet to make an affirmative response."

He said, however, he was renewing his invitation to Kim "that we visit each other free of any obligation and without any condition attached."

"It does not matter whether President Kim visits Seoul first or I visit Pyongyang first," Chun said. "The North Koreans can choose."

Saying he would like to expand the scope of his invitation, Chun added: "Should some unavoidable circumstance prevent President Kim from accepting my proposal or from inviting me to visit North Korea I suggest that we meet each other at some other place for frank face-to-face talks. I leave the choice of venue to the North Korean authorities. It could be either Panmunjom, or a third country, or any other place convenient to them."

Panmunjom is the truce village in the demilitarized zone dividing South and North Korea. Chun also said he would leave it to North Korea to choose the date for meetings, but added "the sooner the better."

He said South Korea has made all necessary preparations for a dialogue with North Korea.

Atlanta police watch suspect

ATLANTA, June 5 (Agencies) — Police kept free-lance photographer Wayne Williams' home under surveillance Friday after questioning him on the murders of 28 black youths. The 23-year-old black said in a radio interview after he was released from day long questioning Thursday that he had nothing to do with the unsolved killings.

"I was not questioned by the (Atlanta city) task force. I was questioned by the FBI," he said. He also said he was given a lie detector test and he charged that the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) did not let him talk to a lawyer. He added that he felt he was still considered a suspect.

Two manned, unmarked police patrol cars were parked across the street from the Williams' home. Curtains were drawn in the house but Williams' mother answered the door Thursday night and said her son had been out all day with his father. She told reporters she did not know when he might return and he was making no more statements to the press.

Officers armed with a search warrant went through his home late Wednesday, confiscating a yellow blanket, purple robe, green carpet fibers, fibers from a bedspread, carpet sweeping and do hairs, he told newsmen. They also used another search warrant to seize a tape recorder and brief case from his car, he said.

Published reports have said crime lab investigators found fiber evidence in several of the 28 slayings.

Emergency to continue Lanka ruling party wins poll

COLOMBO, June 5 (Agencies) — Sri Lanka's ruling United National Party (UNP) has won an overwhelming victory in local elections marred by violence and arson which prompted the government to declare a nationwide state of emergency Thursday.

President Julius Jayewardene's party gained control of 18 of the districts with results from the northern district of Jaffna.

Reagan hosts Teresa

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP) — U.S. President Ronald Reagan invited Mother Teresa to lunch Thursday at the White House and later praised her as "the soul of kindness." After lunch, the president and his wife, Nancy, escorted the nun who won the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize to her waiting car. A small crowd of government employees on hand on the south lawn applauded her as she left.

Mother Teresa has spent most of her life in Calcutta, working among the poor, and founded a charity organization there in 1950.

where a state of emergency was first imposed Tuesday, still a wait. Informed sources said the situation in Jaffna was under control Friday but the emergency would remain in force for a few more days.

The nationwide emergency was proclaimed after seven youths were reported shot to death for breaking curfew in Jaffna. A senior government official here said army troops killed the seven young members of the island's Tamil-speaking minority in the north coast town after they disobeyed orders to go home during a dawn-to-dusk curfew.

The government declared the curfew and an emergency in Jaffna Tuesday after rioters — reportedly policemen in civilian clothes — set fire to shops and offices to protest the slaying of an officer.

The Tamil United Liberation Front (TULF) in Jaffna has been demanding a separate state for the minority Tamils. The district has been the target of attacks by a militant group which has opposed TULF participation in elections.

S. African police hunt for students

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, June 5 (AP) — Clashes between police and mixed-race students increasingly affected the mixed-race community here Friday morning as police, backed by armed soldiers, continued an intensive house-to-house search for demonstrators "ringleaders."

This week's trouble in the mixed-race townships of western Johannesburg erupted while young blacks prepared to honor the politically volatile June 16th anniversary of the 1976 Soweto student unrest.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that at least 200 army soldiers with rifles cordoned off a block in Westbury township while riot police in camouflage dress searched homes for "stone-throwers."

The action followed student protests to gain the release of a student leader detained by security police last week for his criticisms of government celebrations honoring the 20th anniversary of South Africa's becoming a republic.

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Termed racially discriminatory

Commons passes nationality bill

LONDON, June 5 (AP) — Britain's controversial new nationality bill, attacked as racially discriminatory by the opposition Labor Party, immigrant groups and churchmen, received its final reading in the House of Commons late Thursday night and is now set to become law.

Lawmakers voted 287 to 234, a government majority of 53, in favor of the bill, which now passes to the House of Lords for its consent before receiving royal approval.

Although the House of Lords can delay implementation of the new legislation, it does not have the power to reject the bill outright. Government sources in Whitehall predicted it could become law by the end of the summer.

"It is not racist," Home Secretary William Whitelaw said of the proposed legislation, which creates three categories of British citizens and replaces the 1948 Nationality Act which conferred "British subject" status on a quarter of the world's population.

The bill provides that only "British citizens" — people born in Britain of parents "normally resident" — or people born

abroad but with a British parent or grandparent will have the exclusive right to live in Britain.

The second category covers some three million subjects in Britain's handful of remaining colonies — of whom 2.6 million are Hong Kong Chinese. These people become Citizens of British Dependent Territories.

The last group, British Overseas Citizens, covers an estimated 1.5 million persons, mainly Malaysians, East African Asians, Indians and anyone else who opted for British citizenship when former colonies became independent.

The interpretation of whether a British-born child's parents are "normally resident" will be left to government officials under the terms of the bill.

This has infuriated leaders of Britain's two million non-whites, as the measure will effectively mean that British birth will not automatically ensure British citizenship. Critics charge the new law thus is merely a subtle ploy to keep out non-white immigrants.

But Whitelaw charged that the nationality

law had needed reforming for many years and that the new legislation would "lay the foundations for a secure future for all our citizens." It provided a precise definition of those who belonged to Britain, he told members of parliament before the vote was taken.

"I am confident that almost every aspect of this bill has received the scrutiny it deserves. It is not part of the bill's purpose to diminish the status of people affected by it," Whitelaw said.

Labor party spokesman on home affairs Roy Hattersley promised supporters his party would change the bill if it ousts the Conservative government of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the next general election.

"We will repeal this bill... with a measure that accepts that Britain is a multi-racial society, with a bill that respects the rights and feelings of the ethnic minorities," he said. Liberal Party leader David Steel said he hoped the House of Lords, which can propose amendments to the bill, would prove to be a "protector of human rights," urging that the new law should be based on "sounder principles".

President's nephew kidnapped in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, June 5 (AP) — Gunmen kidnapped a nephew of President Gen. Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia Thursday and killed the nephew's brother-in-law, police here said.

Authorities reported 12 other deaths in the latest round of violence between leftist and rightist forces in this Central American nation.

A police spokesman said machine gun-wielding gunmen stopped two cars driven by Henry Lucas Grauc, the nephew of the president, and his brother-in-law, Edwin Roderico Paz Belton, in the southern part of this capital city. Lucas Grauc's age was not immediately known.

Paz Belton, 23, apparently tried to escape and was cut down by machine gunfire, the spokesman said. Lucas Grauc may have been wounded, he added without elaboration.

Also in the capital, unidentified gunmen shot and killed a national police detective, and a medical student, police said. Elsewhere, police and army officials said three guerrillas were killed in a shootout with soldiers, and unidentified gunmen shot and killed four teachers, a driver, an unidentified man, and the former mayor of a small town.

Bases for U.S.

Athens talks deadlocked

ATHENS, June 5 (AP) — Negotiations between the United States and Greece on a defense and bases agreement have reached a deadlock and are in danger of being discontinued, informed Greek sources here said.

The sources said that the five-month-old negotiations have reached their final stage, but that Washington had refused to meet Greek demands for guarantees on the security of the Aegean area, and the maintenance of a ratio of seven to ten in aid to Greece and its Aegean rival Turkey.

According to Premier George Rallis, Athens is seeking greatly improved terms in the present negotiations.

The sources said that Rallis had an emergency meeting Thursday — apparently to discuss the U.S. negotiations — with President Constantine Caramanlis, Defense Minister Evangelos Averoff, and Foreign Minister Constantine Mitsotakis.

Greek officials have stressed the necessity of reaching agreement within the next week or two on the continued operation of U.S. military installations and the defense pact. They have pointed out that the Greek parliament will not be able to ratify the accord before the autumn general elections if the pact isn't submitted to begin in early July.

The agreement would provide for continued operation of the four major and several minor U.S. bases in Greece. The bases have operated on a provisional basis since 1977 under an agreement that was initiated but never ratified by either side.

U.S. Embassy radiation reported to be harmless

WASHINGTON, June 5 (R) — Years of exposure to Soviet microwave signals did not harm American diplomats working in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, according to a new study of scientific evidence. U.S. officials first detected radiation in the embassy in 1953.

Twenty-three years later, the United States put up radiation screens to block the microwaves.

Janet Healer, program manager at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, said the latest study revealed U.S. diplomats in Moscow were not subjected to harmful levels of radiation. "The levels were very, very low and from all the scientific evidence we have there is nothing that would suggest harmful biological effects would occur from these levels," she said.

BRIEFS

SPRINGFIELD, Illinois (AFP) — A shoplifter has lost a state Supreme Court bid to win release from jail here on the grounds that she was five months pregnant and the fetus was being detained illegally. Lawyer Charles Wilson cited a paragraph in a state's law stating that life begins at conception. He there fore held that Carol, 30, convicted of shoplifting May 5, should be released to avoid detaining their unborn baby without grounds. But the Supreme Court dismissed the plea.

Foundation for his struggle against apartheid because the South African authorities have withdrawn his passport. Instead, Greek President Constantine Karamanlis handed the prize to Dr. Marion Grafia Doenhoff, a member of the Onassis Foundation, who will later give bishop Tutu the award.

WASHINGTON, (R) — President Ronald Reagan nominated retired Lt. Gen. Vernon Walters a longtime aide to presidents, as ambassador-at-large Thursday. Gen. Walters, 64, served as a staff assistant to presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Nixon.

ATHENS, (R) — South African bishop Desmond Tutu was Friday unable to collect a \$1,000,000 prize awarded by the Onassis

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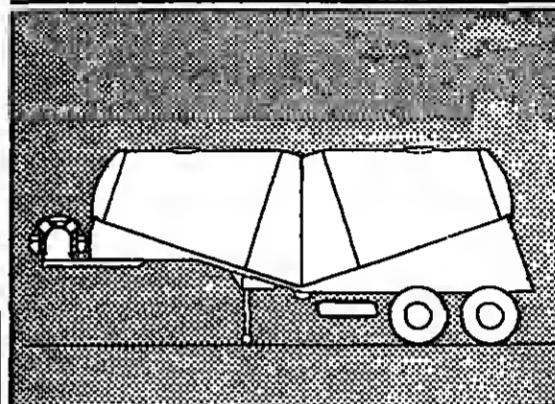
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With Democrats

Reagan strikes deal on tax bill

WASHINGTON, June 5 (R) — President Ronald Reagan has given his support to a compromise tax bill that would reduce individual and business taxes by 25 percent over three years.

Reagan told reporters he was backing a plan proposed by conservative Democrats in the House of Representatives whose support is essential if a three-year tax cut is to get through the Democratic-controlled house as well as the Republican-dominated Senate.

The legislation calls for five percent reductions in individual and business taxes on Oct. 1 with 10 percent cuts on July 1, 1982, and 1983. Democrats in the House of Representatives Wednesday proposed a two-year, 7 percent tax cut, but the White House rejected it as not sufficient.

Reagan originally called for tax cuts of 10 percent a year for three years starting last Jan. 1. But he agreed to the later starting date and a smaller cut in the first year in order to

forge what he called "a new bipartisan coalition" for his tax plan in Congress.

He said he had also agreed to other changes demanded by the Democrats, including easing the so-called marriage penalty, which means married couples pay more than if they were taxed as individuals, lowering inheritance taxes and giving incentives for saving and investment by individuals and businesses.

The administration had wanted to postpone these changes and introduce them in a second tax bill to avoid delaying action on the cuts. But house Democratic leaders have promised to have a bill on the president's desk by August 1.

Meanwhile, the Democratic majority on the House of Representatives Banking Committee voted Thursday to reduce by more than two thirds the 1982 funds requested by the Reagan administration for the International Development Association.

The IDA, an affiliate of the World Bank, makes loans to poorer countries on easy credit terms. A committee staff member said the cut would probably be ratified Monday by the full committee, although the move might cause foreign policy problems for the administration.

President Reagan wants Congress to authorize \$ 850 million for the IDA in the 1982 financial year as part of a plan to provide a total of \$3.24 billion over three years.

The committee Democrats voted to authorize only \$271 million next year. If the cut is ultimately approved by Congress, this could imperil an agreement between the United States, Japan and European members of the World Bank.

Under the agreement the other countries will provide their share of a three-year, \$12 billion IDA funding package only if Congress authorizes the \$3.24 billion U.S. share.

In another development, the House of Representatives Armed Services Subcommittee rejected Thursday an administration request for legislation authorizing the sale of 139.5 million ounces of silver from the U.S. strategic stockpile.

The decision was made in a closed session, but later revealed in a statement.

Libya said to offer oil at cut rate

NEW YORK, June 5 (AP) — The OPEC stand against price reductions appears to be crumbling, with Iraq offering a small cut and Libya reported to be willing to offer oil far below its official price, a trade publication claims.

The reductions, coming after a \$4 per barrel cut by Mexico, hold out the hope of lower gasoline prices in consuming countries.

Libya, a militant member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, has previously opposed any cuts in OPEC prices and has continued to charge \$41 a barrel, the world's highest price, for its best oil.

But Platt's Oilgram Price Reporter, a trade publication, said Wednesday a contract was being offered for Libyan oil at \$36 nearly \$5 below the official price after taking quality differentials into account. It said the contract was offered by Libyan sources with the apparent approval of the government.

The report surprised some companies that buy oil from Libya, and a senior trader at one company said he doubted it was accurate.

U.N. budget set at \$1.5b

UNITED NATIONS, June 5 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim has submitted what was termed a fat-trimmed budget of \$1.535 billion for the regular costs of the United Nations in the 1982-1983 biennial.

But his chief financial officer, Patricia Ruedas, expressly denied that demands by the United States and other members for cost-cutting were responsible for the proposed increase of only 13.7 percent, 150,564,000 dollars over 1980-1981 figures.

As long ago as last October, before the U.S. elections, Waldheim ordered the utmost financial restraint and set zero growth as the U.N.'s budgetary goal, Ruedas told a news conference.

U.S. Vice-President George Bush, in Waldheim's presence, last week called for tighter spending and the assistant secretary of state for international organizations, Elliott Abrams, said in Geneva that the Reagan administration was insisting that U.N. bodies trim off their fat.

Ruedas, raked as an assistant secretary-general, said the budget was provisional, but only in the sense that it was subject to revision by an oversight committee and approval by the general assembly where a two-third majority is required for its approval.

While world-wide U.N. staff would remain around the present level — 11,243 men and women in professional and general service grades — the budget recommends 47 professional posts be abolished for a saving of two million dollars.

The net total number of new posts requested was only 10, Ruedas said. The secretary-general earlier this year directed a group of senior aides to review every item of proposed expenditure in a move that was widely related to charges of loose spending, and to his aspirations for re-election in this final year of his second term. The need to hold-down U.N. spending is one of the few issues in the organization on which all the major powers, capitalist and communist, emphatically agree.

Pakistan to seek \$1.2b from West

ISLAMABAD, June 5 (AP) — Pakistan will seek \$1.2 billion in economic assistance from Western nations next week, officials have said here.

The money is required to finance Pakistani projects during fiscal 1982 which starts July 1. Official sources told the Associated Press Thursday that Pakistan will make the request at a meeting of Western nations' consortium which will meet in Paris June 11-12.

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IDA grants Egypt \$56m

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP) — The International Development Association (IDA), an affiliate of the World Bank, announced Thursday the approval of a credit of 46.1 million Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) or the equivalent of \$56.6 million to Egypt for a water supply project.

IDA said the project will provide physical facilities and technical assistance to the newly-established Beheira Water Company, a public utility company for the Beheira governorate, located in the northwest corner of the Nile delta. The project supports the Egyptian government's policy of decentralizing responsibility for water supply services to the governorates.

The IDA also announced Thursday the approval of credit of 26.1 million Special Drawing Rights of the equivalent of \$32 million to Pakistan for a grain storage project. Pakistan will also use an IDA credit of 19.7 million SDRs or the equivalent of \$24 million to provide buildings, facilities, staff, and training for agricultural research organizations.

Meanwhile the World Bank announced Thursday the approval of a \$18.6 million loan to Tunisia for the textile industry. The bank said the loan will help finance a project for the rehabilitation and modernization of the textile industry.

Nigeria oil output dips
LAGOS, June 5 (AFP) — Nigerian crude oil production fell to its lowest level for five years during May, averaging 1.327 million barrels a day, a reliable oil industry source has said here.

This was more than 700,000 barrels a day less than average production last year and early this year, the source said.

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Japan agrees to cut car sales to Canada

OTTAWA, June 5 (AFP) — Japan has agreed to reduce its car exports to Canada by six percent in the financial year 1981-82, Canadian Industry Minister Herb Gray announced here.

In the year ending next March 31 a top figure of 174,213 units will apply, a level that compares with 185,022 in 1980-81. But in the light of substantial Japanese sales in this country early this year, it has been agreed that Japan can sell 10 percent more cars in calendar year 1981 as compared with the previous year.

Pick-up trucks, vans and other commercial vehicles are not covered in the agreement. "The government is satisfied with the actions Japan has just announced," said Gray. He said the agreement which took several

months to work out would give the Canadian auto industry breathing space in which to switch to lower consumption more competitive models.

Gray said talks were planned at the end of the 1981-82 period to appraise results. At that time a decision on extending or increasing these voluntary curbs would be made if necessary. If such a decision was reached Japan may have its share of the Canadian market restricted to 16.5 percent maximum, Gray believed.

In the area of quotas Japan had accorded more to the U.S. than to Canada, adding that he "never expected Japan to take identical action" in regard to Canada. Nevertheless Canada considered that its objectives had been achieved.

Unemployment in U.S. jumps

WASHINGTON, June 5 (R) — Unemployment in the United States jumped to its highest level in seven months in May, but the rate of inflation was the lowest since December, the government reported Friday.

The Labor Department said the unemployment rate, after holding steady at 7.3 percent for those consecutive months, surged to 7.6 percent last month.

wholesale prices increased at an annual rate of only 4.6 percent in May, down from April's 9.9 percent. The May increase was the smallest since December.

The department noted in its employment report that the number of people holding jobs in the United States actually increased by 259,000 in May. But this was overshadowed by an increase of 684,000 in the U.S. work force. As a result, the number of people without jobs reached 8.17 million in May, the department said.

Unemployment among men rose to 6.3 percent and among women to 6.8 percent, and teenagers and minorities also suffered. The more encouraging news on the inflation front showed that food prices showed no change between April and May, the second consecutive month they had held steady.

London stock market

LONDON, June 5 (R) — The UK government bonds and gold shares closed lower while equity leaders were mixed with an easier bias. At 15 hours, the forward trading index was down 5.1 at 550.5.

The renewed pressure on sterling dominated market sentiment again and pushed government bonds down as much as one point compared with Thursday closing levels and gold shares weakened afresh as the bullion price eased a little, but some demand for export-oriented issues made for a mixed trend in equities. North American issues closed narrowly mixed.

Blue Circle was a firm spot among industrial continuing Thursday's trend and rose to a high of 472p from 458 before softening to close the emphasis centered on exporting companies following the fall in sterling.

The strength of the U.S. dollar pushed up Sun Alliance to a high of 868p from 832. It was trading at 846 on some profit taking, dealers said.

Congress okays \$6b military bill

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives has overwhelmingly approved a \$6.99 billion military construction authorization bill that would obligate large amounts for the still-uncertain MX mobile missiles project and the Rapid Deployment Force.

A 311-36 vote Thursday sent the measure to the Senate, where similar legislation is pending. While the bill is for the 1982 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, the money authorized in it actually would be spent over a five-year period.

In all, the bill authorizes spending on 773 projects at 499 military installations in the United States.

Of the total, one-third is earmarked for operation and maintenance of military housing and construction of new units. More than \$1.1 billion is for military activities in Europe.

The measure includes \$356.5 million for building and road construction associated with the MX, although President Ronald Reagan has not yet decided whether to ratify the air force's proposal to place the nuclear weapons system in desert valleys of Nevada and Utah or opt for some other basing mode.

The air force plan envisions rotating 200 intercontinental missiles in a "shell game" fashion among 4,600 shelters across 50,000 square miles (130,000 square kms) of Nevada and Utah.

Schmidt's \$95b budget voted

BONN, June 5 (R) — West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt gained parliamentary approval Friday for the 1981 federal budget after a four-day debate which showed up potentially dangerous rift in his left-liberal coalition.

As expected, the Bundestag (lower house) passed this year's 231 billion mark (\$95 billion) spending plan by a comfortable margin of 269 to 220 votes.

Rumblings of dissent on increased military spending from left-wingers in Schmidt's Social Democratic Party (SPD) petered out in mid-debate. Six government deputies abstained from voting on a defense budget of some 42 billion marks (\$17 billion).

Instead, controversy centered on how the government should close a widening budget deficit which will devour a record 34 billion marks (\$14 billion) in fresh credits at least this year, and possibly more in 1982.

The Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), the junior coalition partners, saw the answer in cutting welfare benefits which are among the most generous in West Europe — a stance challenged by Schmidt and other SPD speakers.

Leading politicians of both coalition parties acknowledged the issue will be a major test for the government alliance as it works on plans for the 1982 budget to be presented to parliament in mid-September. Political commentators have gone further, predicting the coalition could tear itself apart.

The differences on state spending follow signs strain within the coalition over NATO nuclear strategy, which is opposed by SPD left-wingers, and over political shifts at local level where only one SPD-FDP coalition

now remains in power — in the state of Hesse. During the debate, Schmidt indirectly rebuked FDP leader and Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher by saying he could not accept that West Germany's social security network had become a "social hammock," a phrase Genscher used only last week.

FDP politicians, whose views were echoed in the debate by opposition Christian Democrats (CDU), want all benefits including unemployment pay, housing allowances and education grants to be subject to review. The SPD lines, as set out by Schmidt, is that the welfare system is needed more than ever at a time of economic difficulty.

But one of the main problems facing the government is the rising cost of unemployment, which has eaten into tax revenue and pushed up the bill for pay for the jobless this year by five billion marks.

Mitterrand opens Paris air show

PARIS, June 5 (AFP) — President Francois Mitterrand Friday opened the Paris air show at Le Bourget airfield just north of the capital and watched aerial demonstrations of French planes and helicopters.

He also saw the ground display. Mitterrand, accompanied by Defense Minister Charles Hernu, inspected the Ariane rocket and met two apprentice cosmonauts, Patrick Baudry and Jean-Loup Chretien, who are being trained in the Soviet Union. He also had a few words with his brother, General Jacques Mitterrand, who is president of the Aérospatiale Manufacturing Group.

Dollar scales new high on money markets

LONDON, June 5 (R) — The strong dollar soared even higher Friday, battering all other major currencies on world money markets and causing concern in West Europe and Japan.

Against the French currency, weakened after the election victory of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, it reached 5.7490 francs — highest point since the introduction of the new unit when 100 old francs were made equal to one new.

The dollar hit an all-time record against the Italian lira, went to a four-year high against the mark and drove sterling below \$1.93 for the first time since November 1978.

The yen touched a 10-month low against the dollar despite the growth of the Japanese economy. The Swiss franc also fell.

Gold eased, but only slightly. In south Africa, however, which has benefitted from gold's strength in recent years, the rand went to its lowest level since September 1975. In Tokyo, the Japanese officially said the high U.S. interest rates were the main factor behind dollar's rise and added that they were disrupting the world money markets.

West German Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff arrives in Tokyo this weekend for talks which Japanese banking sources said would include an exploration of how the two countries might moderate the pressure on the mark and yen.

The Reagan administration has stressed it must continue its fight against U.S. inflation, a policy which still has staunch supporters in other countries despite the strains.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	—	9.01
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	2.82
Denmark Mark (100)	143.00	143.20	143.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	129.00	133.00	127.70
Egyptian Pound	—	4.02	4.27
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	92.00	92.45
French Franc (100)	61.00	60.50	60.30
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	62.00	58.70
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	38.85
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.8	28.6
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30	—	15.20
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.20	10.11
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.15	12.13
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	79.50	79.00
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50	68.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.45
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.10
Pound Sterling	6.90	6.92	6.65
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	93.00	93.25
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.00
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	—	35.90
Swiss Franc (100)	162.00	—	160.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	50.60	53.60
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	3.35	—
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Borg whips Pecci to avenge defeat

PARIS, June 5 (AFP) — Defending champion Bjorn Borg gave himself 15th birthday present 24 hours early here Friday when he defeated Victor Pecci of Paraguay in straight sets 6-4, 6-4, 7-5 to reach the men's singles final at the French Open Tennis Championships.

The Scandinavian's deadly passing shots and monotonous accuracy from the baseline overcame the giant South American's big serve-and-volley game.

The unflappable Borg captured the important points and forced Pecci, the man he beat in the 1979 final here, to make errors. In the baseline exchanges the Swedish player, who is bidding for his sixth French title, bampered the ball from side to side like a windscreens wiper, and Pecci's early efforts to pull Borg into the net with stop volleys misfired when he netted easy shots.

Borg's incredible speed around the court and his ever-dangerous passing shots kept the South American under relentless pressure from the start. Despite some spectacular and often acrobatic volleys, Pecci was let down by his main weapon — a gigantic first service. He dropped the opening two sets in one-and-a-half hours but then fought back bravely in the third.

Pecci had his chances in a dramatic third set of see-sawing fortunes. Both players produced their best tennis. Pecci suddenly redis-

covered his booming service and played some fabulous volleys from the net. Borg repayed him with superb passing shots and an iron will not to surrender.

The South American, who defeated Borg in the Monte Carlo tournament before the Swedish player's lay-off because of a shoulder injury, stuttered into a 4-2 then 5-3 lead. Neither player held their service from the sixth to tenth games.

Most players, with two sets safely under their belts, would have let it go. But not Borg. He chased everything and fought for every point. Borg finally held his service to level at 5-5 and suddenly the pressure reverted to Pecci.

The South American cracked and Borg went 6-5 clear after a series of majestic passing shots to serve out for the set. The match lasted 2 hours 22 minutes.

Earlier, Friday, defending champion Chris Evert Lloyd of the United States crashed out when she was defeated 5-7, 4-6 in an enthralling women's singles semifinal by 19-year-old Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia.

It was the second time since August, 1973 that Evert-Lloyd has been beaten on a clay court and ended her hopes of winning the French title for a fifth time. During her reign she won no fewer than 189 matches. Her only other defeat was to Tracy Austin in the 1979 Italian Championships.

Boycott stars in England's fluent victory

LONDON, June 5 — England scored a comfortable victory over Australia, with 20 balls to spare, in the first of three 55-overs one-day matches at Lord's Thursday. Yorkshire's Geoff Boycott confirmed his skill as a one-day expert with an unbeaten 75 for England.

Australia's 210 for seven in 55 overs was over going to be enough once Boycott and Graham Gooch had led off with a stand of 86. Gooch's 53 included one six and six fours. Boycott took 250 pounds as "man of the match," and England earned 2,500 pounds for its win.

England put Australia in and did not have to work for the four morning wickets. Bob Willis had John Dwyer lbw with the second ball of the match.

Trevor Chappell was unlucky, being run out when bowler Robin Jackman diverted a ball into the bowler's stumps from a straight drive. Jackman struck an important blow when he had Australian captain Kim Hughes lbw at 60.

Summarized scores: Australia 210 for 7 (Border 73 not out), England 212 for 4 (Boycott 75 not out, Gooch 53).

Tecordri nets late equalizer

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey June 5 (AP) — Sao Paulo's Tecordri connected a low kick Thursday night into the left corner of the net with less than two minutes remaining to tie the Brazilian club's exhibition match against the defending North American Soccer League champions Cosmos at 2-2.

The Cosmos had a 2-1 lead on first half goals by Giorgio Chinaglia and Angelo Dibernardo until the final minutes. Renato scored for Sao Paulo goal in the second half before Tecordri was set in scoring position by Serginho.

Chinaglia set the pace at 11:11 when his free-kick deflected off ex-Cosmos Oscar and sailed into the left corner of the net. Chinaglia, the Cosmos' leading scorer, took the shot after he was fouled by Dario Pereyra of Uruguay, the only non-Brazilian on the Sao Paulo lineup.

Meanwhile, England's last chance of qualifying for the World Soccer Cup finals rest on Saturday, European Group Four match against Hungary, unbeaten in their three matches.

England have five points but have lost to the Romanian pacemakers and, last Saturday, to the Swiss. They must win Saturday and in the final two games to be one of the two qualifiers from the Group. Hungary also have five points — with two games in hand of England.

England Manager Ron Greenwood is likely to reinforce his defence with Phil Thompson who captained Liverpool in the European Cup victory over Real Madrid in Paris.

Japanese moves ahead of Nicklaus, Watson

ATLANTA, Georgia June 5 (AP) — Isao Aoki, a Japanese golfer now a full-fledged member of the American pro tour, birdied four successive holes on the way to a 67 Thursday and the first round lead in the \$300,000 Atlanta Classic.

Aoki, who chased Jack Nicklaus to the U.S. Open Championship last year, has won more than two dozen tournaments in Japan and became a PGA tour member early this year.

"One of my best rounds in the United States this year," Aoki said through an interpreter. "If the weather stays like this, but not too hot, I think I can do very well this week."

The slender, 38-year-old, easily Japan's leading pro, saved sole control of the top spot with a delicate little chip and a 5-foot par-saving putt on the final hole.

That left him one shot in front of a star-packed group of Americans, headed by Nicklaus and Tom Watson, tied at 68, four shots under par on the 6,945 yards of leg-straining hills that make up the Atlanta Country Club course.

Nicklaus, making his last competitive appearance before defending his title in the U.S. Open Championship, had a share of the

lead until he 3-putted for his only bogey of the day on the final hole.

Meanwhile, Lon Hinkle and Fuzzy Zoeller, the only American entries, were well up with the leaders at the end of the first day of the inaugural 60,000 pounds Lawrence Baily Golf International in Bingley St. Ives Thursday. Hinkle turned in a 69, which put him in equal-third spot, while Zoeller's card totaled 72.

The veteran Briton Neil Coles made another brilliant start to a tournament when he equalled the course record of 68 — but that course record lasted only 30 more minutes, for two matches behind Scotsman Steve Martin recorded a 67. Martin did not drop a shot in his whole round.

In Malvern, Pennsylvania, Veteran Joanne Carner and two who never have stood in the winner's circle, Kathy Martin and Robin Walton, each shot a four-under-par of the \$150,000 McDonald LPGA Tournament.

A stroke behind at 69 were Sandra Post, Pat Bradley, Amy Alcott, Alice Miller, Dianne Dally and M.J. Smith of New Zealand in the 72-hole tournament.

Soviet Union, Yugoslavia make final

PRAGUE, June 5 (R) — The Soviet Union and Yugoslavia will compete in the final for the European men's Basketball Championship here Friday.

World and Olympic champions Yugoslavia secured their place beating Czechoslovakia 95-86 (53-42) Thursday. Leading scorers for Yugoslavia were Cosic 21, Kicanovic 20, Dalipagic 14, while Kropalak 18, Skala 14 and Brabenc 12 were the outstanding scorers for the losers. Czechoslovakia and Spain will contest the bronze medal.

Poland playing for seventh to 12th place in the beat England 92-69 (50-35).

Throughout the 40 minutes of the game the Poles left no doubt that they intended to win and secured a comfortable lead, with their accurate shooting, in the first half.

Top scorers were Jecarek 20 and Kijewski 16, while David Lloyd 16 and Dan Lloyd 11 topped for England.

In another game in the same group Greece beat West Germany 71-67 (39-30).

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LONDON, (AFP) — Wigan and Hull Kingston Rovers Rugby League clubs have agreed terms for a world record transfer fee of 72,500 pounds sterling for Wigan's international full back George Fairbairn.


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Midway docks at Japan port

Protesters barred from entry to base

YOKOSUKA, Japan, June 5 (Agencies) - An estimated 2,000 anti-nuclear demonstrators shouted slogans against the return of the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway as the warship docked at its home port 56 kms south of Tokyo Friday to a jubilant welcome by American and Japanese officials, their wives and children.

Police said about 350 protesters, who suspect the carrier is armed with nuclear weapons in violation of Japan's stand against harboring such arms, stood at Yokosuka aboard 15 small boats to confront the giant carrier, which was returning from a three-and-a-half-month patrol in the Indian Ocean.

The protesters, barred from entering the sprawling base, were sponsored by Socialist and Communist organizations. Just after dawn, about 100 flag-waving Communists stood on the tip of nearby Cape Kannon and shouted slogans as the carrier slipped by.

Scuffling broke out at the front gate when a sound truck driven by right-wing supporters of the U.S. military presence in Japan rammed a sound truck driven by members of the Japan Socialist Party demonstrating against the Midway's return. Police said three or four right-wing group members were arrested. The ruling Liberal-Democratic Party sent a welcoming delegation headed by Susumu Nikiada executive board chairman of the party.

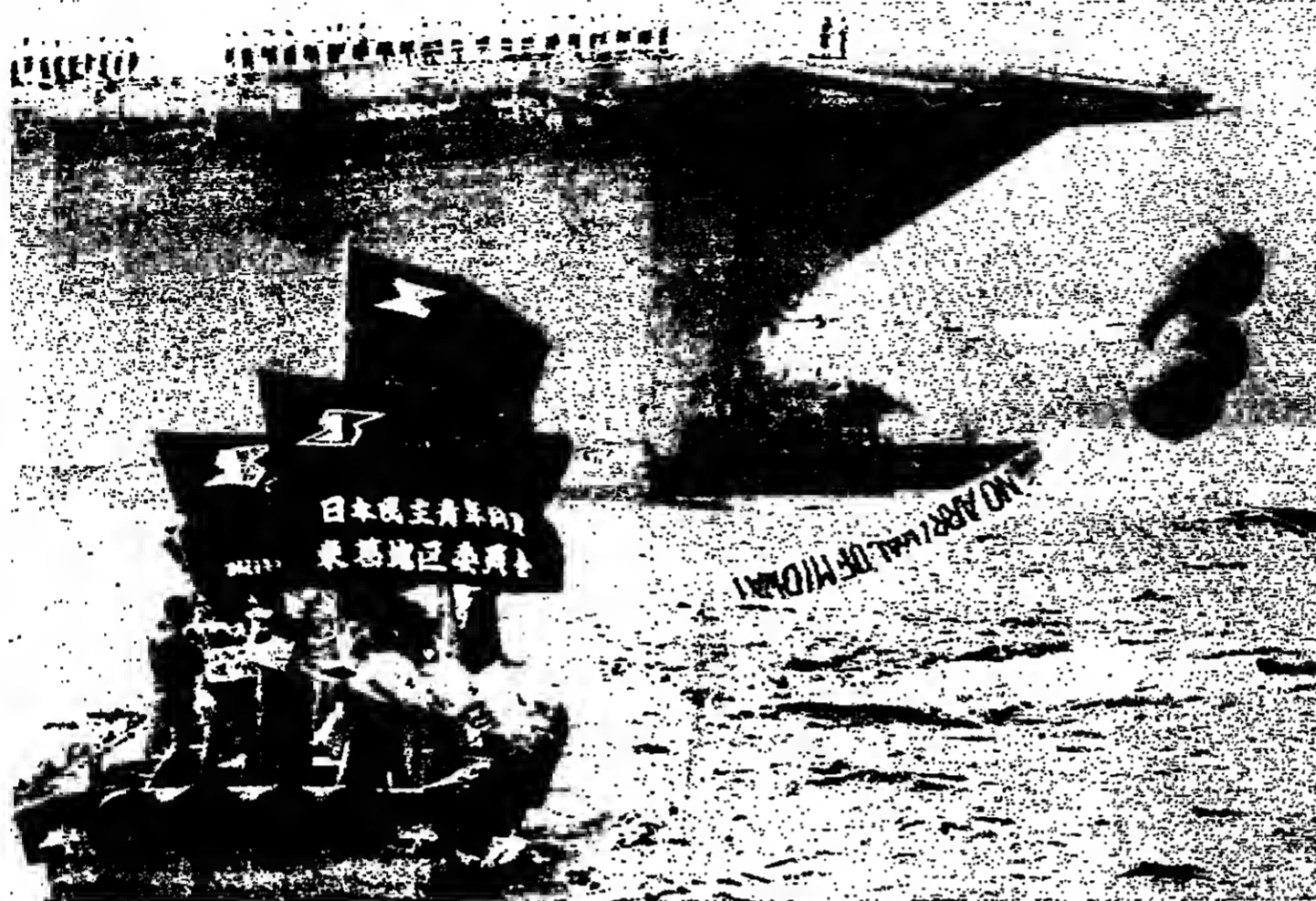
A peaceful demonstration by about 7,200 persons took place Thursday evening, as unionists and members of the Japan Socialist Party rallied at a park near the Yokosuka naval base and then marched from the gate of the base through the main street of the town. About 3,000 riot police kept watch on the protesters, and a police phalanx blocked the entrance to the naval base.

Marching members of three teachers unions carried a banner reading, "Never again send our students to war." Demonstrators chanted a slogan meaning "Scrap the security treaty." One of Japan's biggest railway workers' unions ordered a daylong slowdown in train speeds that made an estimated 120,000 morning commuters late for work.

Yokosuka Mayor Kazuo Yokoyama and officials of Kanagawa state, where Yokosuka is located, asked that the Midway's return be delayed until the uproar faded, but the Japanese government refused to relay the request to the U.S. Navy, and Navy officials said there was no reason to delay the ship's return.

Japan bans the manufacture, possession or introduction of nuclear weapons into Japanese territory. Japanese officials say that applies to U.S. warships. The United States says it has always abided by Japan's policy but refuses to comment on the location or movement of nuclear armaments anywhere in the world.

Former U.S. Ambassador Edwin O. Reischauer, and others have claimed recently that American ships routinely bring nuclear weapons into Japan's ports and have stored such weapons in its territory in the past. The allegations triggered a political storm for Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and protests from anti-nuclear groups and leftist political factions.



MIDWAY ARRIVES: Japanese leftist protesters aboard a small boat fly balloons with a banner saying "No arrival of Midway" while crewmen of the 64,000-ton U.S. aircraft carrier look down in line from the deck as the warship enters the American naval base at Yokosuka.

Craxi denies cabinet accord

ROME, June 5 (R) - Italian Prime Minister-designate Arnaldo Forlani Friday indicated he had made progress toward forming a new government. But Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, on whose support Forlani's Christian Democrats depend, hinted that agreement had not yet been reached. "We can't go on holiday yet," he told reporters after a meeting of the parties' chiefs.

Forlani's administration collapsed 10 days ago over a scandal involving alleged membership of government ministers and top military men in a secret Masonic lodge.

Forlani said he would resume consultations Monday. Previous meetings "have allowed me to gather useful indications which I shall explain to delegates from the parties whose agreement is needed to form a majority," he added.

Political commentators believe Forlani is trying to re-form his previous four-party coalition of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Social Democrats and Republicans and to bring in the right-of-center Liberals.

Meanwhile, three Rome magistrates Thursday launched a formal legal inquiry into whether 260 public officials broke the law by allegedly joining the Masonic lodge.

The magistrates opened the investigation into possible violations of two laws that specifically bar public officials from joining secret organizations. The lists of alleged P-2 members included 260 public officials, the magistrates said.

Union calls warning strikes

4 dissident Poles freed

WARSAW, June 5 (AP) - Prison officials released four members of an anti-Communist dissident group Friday after the Supreme Court said they should be freed from detention while awaiting trial on charges of anti-state activity.

The release of Leszek Moczulski, 51, and three members of the "Confederation of Independent Poland" (KPN) which he heads, drew an immediate sharp response from the Soviet news agency Tass which headlined its dispatch "the latest retreat to counterrevolution."

Moczulski, greeted about 50 persons with red and white carnations outside Warsaw's Rakasaw's Rakowiecka Prison and Rnmuald Szeremietiewow, 36, Tadeusz Stanski, 33, and Odesuz Jandziewzak, 33 were released after the high court upheld a lower court release order issued Thursday. The four detainees seized last autumn still face charges

but no trial date has been set. Demands for their release sparked student marches last week and a spreading hunger strike in several cities by independent Solidarity union members who believe they were being held for political reasons.

Meanwhile, the free trade union Solidarity has posed a major challenge to the authorities by calling for a two-hour warning strike in four northern provinces next Thursday. The call was issued by the union's national commission in the city of Bydgoszcz Thursday night despite a warning from the church that the fate of the nation was at stake.

The strike is aimed at forcing the authorities to name and punish those responsible for police intervention in Bydgoszcz March 19, in which three Solidarity activists were beaten up. It would be the first major industrial protest in Poland since Prime Minister Wojciech Jaruzelski instructed parliament April 10 to outlaw strikes for two months.

Union officials said Deputy Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski, in charge of union affairs, traveled to Bydgoszcz and informed Solidarity that he would open talks with the union delegation at his Warsaw office Monday.

The national commission, meeting without Solidarity leader Lech Walasa who is in Geneva, voted for the strike by 22 to 13 with two abstentions. The result provoked anger from union moderates, and drew a sharp reaction from the church.

Titmouse hatches eggs beneath driving truck

DIJON, France, June 5 (AFP) - A daring titmouse laid four eggs and hatched them in a nest it built beneath the chassis of a driving school's heavy truck here. The truck is used to give driving lessons every day and care is taken not to jolt the nest off the chassis.

At the end of each day, the titmouse waits for the truck to return with the nest so that it can feed its young.

Ziaur killing probe begins

DACCA, Bangladesh, June 5 (Agencies) - A military court of inquiry has begun the official investigation into the assassination a week ago of President Ziaur Rahman, a government official said Friday.

The investigation was launched Thursday in Chittagong under Maj. Gen. Moazzammel, according to Daud Khan Majlis, information consultant to acting President Abdus Sattar. Normally such a court would have three members, but Moazzammel has been empowered by the government to increase the number if he feels it necessary, Majlis said.

President Ziaur, 45, and several aides and body guards were slain early May 30 in the government guest house in Chittagong. His

body was returned to Dacca Monday, and he was honored with a state funeral Tuesday.

No time limit has been set for the court to report its findings, and the length of the investigation will depend on the scope of the plot involved, Majlis said. "If it is a big canvas" with many people involved, it could take six to eight weeks for the court to complete its work, he said. On the other hand, "if there were five, six, seven persons involved, it could be within the next three or four days. It all depends on how many were involved."

The coup attempt ostensibly was led by army Maj. Gen. Abdul Manzur, commander of the crack 21st division based in Chittagong.

Manzur and a number of other officers were arrested Monday at a remote jungle village near Chittagong, and later were attacked by infuriated village guards as they were being transported back to the city, the government announced.

Manzur and two aides, Lt. Col. Matiur Rahman and Behubur Rahman, were fatally injured in the attack. Of the 17 other officers arrested, two were injured and survived, the government said. All are being held in the Chittagong cantonment. An 18th officer implicated in the coup, Maj. A.Z. Giasuddin, surrendered later to authorities in Chittagong, officials said.

The court of inquiry will report its finding to a field general court-martial which has been convened in Dacca under Maj. Gen. A. Rahman, Majlis said.

Meanwhile, the authorities Friday arrested Gen. Shaikat Ali, one of the seven leaders of the 1971 Bangladesh independence struggle, diplomatic sources said. Government spokesmen refused immediately to confirm or deny the report. Gen. Shaikat Ali is a former commander in chief of the Jessore military region.

U.S. panel rejects Lefever's nomination

WASHINGTON, June 5 (AP) - In a preliminary defeat for U.S. President Ronald Reagan, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Friday rejected his nomination of Ernest W. Lefever as human rights chief.

And Democratic and Republican leaders disagreed on Lefever's prospects for being confirmed by the full Senate as assistant secretary of state for human rights. The committee voted 11-3 initially to recommend that the Senate kill the nomination. However, the panel left the vote open for three members who were absent when poll was taken.

The Republican chairman of the committee, Charles H. Percy, joined the opposition to Lefever's nomination late Thursday. "I will regretfully vote against the Lefever nomination," Percy said in a prepared statement. "The credibility of the administration's concern and the effectiveness of its policy (on human rights) will depend to a crucial degree" on who is human rights chief.

"I do not think Dr. Lefever is a suitable candidate for that role," Percy's statement said. Regardless of the committee vote Senate Republican leader Howard Baker expressed optimism Thursday that the full Senate would vote to confirm Lefever.

Senate Democrat whip Alan Cranston, however, said he thinks opponents may be able to "simply vote down the nomination" in the Senate. Reagan has stood fast behind Lefever's nomination, which first snagged over his statements that human rights violations by non-Communist countries could be dealt with better by private persuasion instead of public pressure.

Edwin Meese III, Reagan's counselor, described Lefever Thursday as "a man who for years has labored in the vineyards of idealism and improved foreign policy and better relationships with other nations and, for the cause of human rights."

"The president feels no one has come up with any reason yet why he shouldn't be fully supported," Meese told the Associated Press Broadcasters Association. "There are certainly no second thoughts about him as a person."

The Foreign Relations Committee grilled Lefever for six hours behind closed doors Thursday. Cranston, a leading opponent, asserted afterward that "the doubts we had were strengthened."

Senators Thursday said Lefever denied baving conflicts of interest or racial prejudices. But one senator said Lefever's new testimony showed he had misled the Foreign Relations Committee.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

Sorry. Awfully sorry. Spoke far too soon. Ought to have known better. To my English readers a special apology about that business of the skirted (all right, kilted) army of Scottish football supporters who dominated London during the annual battle for championship of the isles. The English (OK, the Londoners) must have been having an off day. The Lion, as it were, dozing while the Scottish hordes rampaged.

So you might have been led to think English football fans lacked spirit! You should have seen them as I did, admittedly on television, wading into the Swiss football spectators as the two countries played each other in Switzerland. The scene as the Pride of England rose as one man, unfurled the banner and swept through the ranks of the cowering Helvetians reminded one of the great charges at Cressy or Kalapaquet. Scottish fans who were watching the melee on television must have shuddered at the close shave they had with doom and destruction. For THAT was the might of England's football supporters, and not the few weak specimens they found in Wembley.

The Swiss spectators and police didn't know what hit them. Chairs were flying in the air bottles rained down, and the television screen was one mass of heaving, struggling humanity. But as usual in these cases, the close-up, or at any rate the shot of an individual case, was most mordant.

Here it was the case of one solitary Swiss spectator running for dear life, pursued by close behind by an English fan intending to demonstrate on him some of the finer points of personal assault. Behind the two ran a whole posse of Swiss police, trying to avert the impending murder.

Translated from Ashraq Al Awsat

Ulster soldier killed

BELFAST, June 5 (AP) - Gunmen killed a part-time soldier of the Ulster Defense Regiment near Lisnaskea on the border with the Irish Republic Friday, police reported.

A police spokesman said at least three gunmen, believed to be guerrillas of the Irish Republican Army's provisional wing, shot the man as he delivered coal to a house. "The gunman took over the house, held the occupants at gunpoint and waited for him. They obviously knew his movement. The attack was well planned," the spokesman said.

1 shot dead in Naples

NAPLES, Italy, June 5 (R) - A prison officer was shot dead in a Naples suburb Friday in an apparent urban guerrilla attack, police said. Agostino Battagli, 36, a technician at Naples' Foggioreale jail, was entering a shop when three masked guerrillas approached him and opened fire. They escaped in a waiting car.

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